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JAMES WOODYATT, P. G. M., Cl. T. CAMPBELL, P. G. M.
J. B. KING, Grand Secretary.

AUTHORITIES.

For History.

"That we are of opinion that such a History would be conducive to the best interests of the Order, and would recommend that the R. W. Grand Body do appoint a Committee of two to co-operate with the R. W. Grand Secretary, James L. Ridgely for the consideration of the same."

"We further recommend that Jas. Woodyatt, P. G. M., and J B. King, R W. Grand Secretary, constitute said Committee."

Jour. 1878, Report of Special Committee, adopted.

"We, your Committee to whom were referred back clause 18 of the Most Worthy Grand Master's Report, beg to submit the following:

"Your Committe fully agree with the Grand Master as to the necessity of recording the past history of Odd-Fellowship in Canada, and in order that the same may be in some way effected, we would recommend that the sum of $300 be placed in the hands of the Grand Master and Committee to be used from time to time towards defraying expenses while in search of such historical matter."

Jour. 1878—Report of Com. on State of the Order made in 1877 adopted.

"On motionof Rep. John Welsh, seconded by Rep. J. T. Hornibrook, the name of Cl. T. Campbell, P. G. M., was added to the Committee on History---the Committee now consisting of James Woodyatt, P. G. M., Cl. T. Campbell, P. G. M., and J. B. King, Grand Secretary.

Jour. 1878.

"In conclusion, your Committee would recommend that the history of Odd-Fellowship in Canada, under the Old Regine be published as a preface to the revised Joural of Ontario, thus adding to the interest of the latter, while at the same time making it a more complete record of the transactions of the Order in the Province."

Jour. 1879.---Report of Com. on History, Adopted

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For Reprint of Journal.

"We can, therefore, only recommend that should a guarrantee be given during the next six months, that not less than three hundred copies of the work will be taken by subordinate Lodges and members, then the Grand Secretary be instructed to invite tenders for an edition of one thousand copies, and should he be enabled to get the work done for a sum not exceeding $2,500, then he be instructed to proceed with the work; and in order that the work may be proceeded with as rapidly as possible, the Secrtary shall be empowered to employ such help as he may require in compiling the work, at an expense not to exceed $75; the price of the work to subordinate Lodges and members to be fixed at $3.50 per copy."

Jour. 1878.

PREFACE.

THE transactions of the Odd-Fellows of Canada prior to the institution of the Grand Lodge of Canada West, in 1855, have for many years been shrouded in darkness. Only the life-time of a single generation has passed since the days when the Order was flourishing in British North America—the most popular of all secular organizations; and yet, so complete was its decline and fall, that when in 1874 the Grand Lodge of Ontario first appointed a Committee on History, scarcely a trace of the *old regime* was visible. With two exceptions, all the old Lodges were dead, and their very names forgotten. No records of the first Grand Lodges were to be found. The original pioneers were either dead, or, if living, unknown to the Odd-Fellows of the present generation.

The researches of the Committee have not, however, been fruitless; and, though laboring under many disadvantages, we have at last been able to present the Fraternity with a comparatively full record of the transactions of the early Odd-Fellows of Canada. In this work valuable assistance has been rendered by the following gentlemen, through whose help many old books and documents have been secured, viz.: Thos. Hardie, Esq., H. E. Montgomerie, Esq., Hon. C. Dunkin, J. C. Beckett, Esq., Wm. Ewen, Esq , Theo. A. Ross, Esq , R. Barker, M. D., J. F. Wood, Esq., Allan McFee, Esq., Wm. Fitzsimmons, M. P., Thos. G. Carson, Esq., R. M. M. Patton, Esq., Isaac Smith, M. D., Geo. P. Dickson, Esq., G. W. Lambert, Esq., A. A. Murphy, Esq., J. C. P. Frazee, Esq., H. A. Taylor, Esq., and others.

The responsibility for the comments upon the work of the Order in the early days, and upon the character and labors of the Pioneer Odd-Fellows, rests on the Chairman of the Committee whose estimate of men and things under the *old regime* is

the result of a somewhat careful examination of the historic material accumulated during the last few years. The record of early Odd-Fellowship in Canada is not without valuable lessons for those who conduct the affairs of the Order to-day; and it has been the endeavor of the Committee not only to give a faithful account of the transactions of our predecessors, but to point whatever moral their work may be calculated to convey.

The space at our disposal has confined us within somewhat narrow bounds, and compelled us at times to limit ourselves to bare outlines. Should another edition of this history ever be required, it may be that ampler sources of information, a more extended acquaintance with the work and workers of past days, and enlarged powers granted those who may constitute the Historical Committee of the future, will secure a fuller and more perfect record of Canadian Odd-Fellowship.

Meantime this first brief *resume* of twelve years work in Odd-Fellowship is given to the Fraternity of Ontario in the hope that they may find something of interest and of profit in reading the proceedings of the pioneers of our Order in British North America.

CL. T. C.

LONDON, Sept. 1st, 1879.

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Odd-Fellowship in Canada.

UNDER THE OLD REGIME.

THE PRE-HISTORIC YEARS.

The introduction of Odd-Fellowship into the British Provinces of America, dates back to an early period in the present century. The destruction of many of the records of the Manchester Unity, of England, in 1847, as we learn from Grand Secretary Spray of that Order, involves the early history of the Society in considerable confusion. The only information that can be gained from that source is that a lodge of the M. U. of O. F. was organized in Montreal in 1843.

But, previous to the disruption of Odd-Fellowship in 1842, by the separation of the American branch from the parent stem, there is evidence of the existence of an Odd-Fellow's lodge in Halifax in 1832, and of another still earlier in 1815. The subject is referred to in a Halifax paper of March 5, 1847, and the following statement made :—

"At two different periods such a lodge has been in existence here. First, about the year 1815, at which time a large number of our townsmen were enrolled among its members, many of whom are still living and occupying responsible positions among us. There was also a military lodge of the same fraternity established here, about fifteen years ago. * * * The original warrant by which these lodges were brought into existence, is even now in the possession of one of our citizens, one of the many survivors of the lodge formed more than thirty years since."

Washington Lodge No. 1, the parent lodge of the American Order, was not instituted until 1819, so that the first Canadian lodge antedates that of Father Wildey several years. In what manner it was organized, and what relation it bore to the Manchester Unity, (then only

three years old) or to any of the other orders of Odd-Fellows then existing in England, we have no means of knowing; no actual records of its operation have been found; and for the present we must leave its existence and its work in the darkness of prehistoric time.

The causes which led to the separation between the American Order and the Manchester Unity are to be found detailed in the records of the G. L. U. S.* Unfortunate as that separation may have been, it was not without its advantages. One result, at least, was a most marked revival of Odd Fellowship all over the Western Continent. Nor was this revival confined to the United States. A year or two previous the Order had obtained a foothold in the Republic of Texas; now it pushed northward into Canada, and even essayed a more venturous flight across the ocean to Britain and Germany: but the Atlantic was too wide, and the arms of American Odd-Fellowship at that date too short to stretch so far. The proposed Lodge in Germany was never organized, and the one or two that saw the light on British soil struggled for a brief day and then went out forever. The work of Odd Fellowship in the Mother Land belonged to the M. U., and later experience has only shown more clearly the unwisdom of any interference on the part of the American Order.

In Canada, however, the situation was different, and the results more creditable. The banner of the Order once flung to the breeze of our free Northern air has never since been furled.

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THE FIRST YEAR—1843.

The year 1843 saw the first lodge of Odd-Fellows in the old Province of Canada, at that time embracing the territory now known as the provinces of Quebec and Ontario. Both the Manchester Unity and the American Order were at this time introduced into the city of Montreal.

In the previous year, John H. Hardie, a painter and decorater by occupation, and a member of the I. O. O. F., moved from New York to Montreal, and commenced business as a dealer in paints and oils. He had only been an Odd-Fellow for a short time, but was deeply impressed with the beauties and benefits of the society, and, in his new home, commenced at once an anxious search for brethren with whom he could exchange the familiar grip. He was so far successful that he found a Past Grand of a Brooklin, (N. Y.,) lodge, Geo. Mathews, an en-

* Journal G. L. U. S., vol. I., p. 430-463.

graver and lithographer, one of the first to introduce that art into Montreal.

These two brethren deserve all the honor that can be accorded them as the fathers of Canadian Odd-Fellowship. As far as can be learned, they were the only Odd-Fellows in Montreal, and it required a vast amount of zeal and patience to accomplish the work they undertook, that of introducing the Order into Canada. Unable to find other members of the Order whose aid they could secure in petitioning the G. L. U. S. for a charter, they were not discouraged. Pursuing their researches in another direction, they were able to interest in their enterprise three citizens of Montreal, Wetherill Taylor, Joseph Kirkup and Wm. Rodden who agreed to join a lodge in New York State for the purpose of becoming qualified as applicants for the Canadian charter.

This, of course, was not the only preparatory work in which Bros. Hardie and Mathews had to engage. It was not enough to secure charter members; they had to find a suitable room; procure the necessary regalia and paraphanalia; and, above all, to assure themselves that when organized there should be no lack of proper candidates for admission. Aware of the responsibility that rested on them to introduce the Order under the most favorable auspices possible, and thus insure its permanent success, they were exceedingly cautious in soliciting candidates, and sought only those whose personal character and social rank would reflect credit on the society.

From these causes the preliminary arrangements necessarily occupied some time. But every preparation was finally made, so far as could possibly be done by a few young, inexperienced and isolated brothers; and on the 26th of May, 1843, the following application was sent to the Grand Secretary in Baltimore:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F.:

M. W. Grand Sire and Brethren:—The subscribers, members of the Order in good standing, as may be seen by our cards from lodges under the jurisdiction of your R. W. Body, within the limits of the State of New York, being now resident in Montreal, in the Province of Canada, are anxious for the establishment of the Order here, on the beneficial principles which characterize it in the United States. All things being now in readiness, we respectfully ask for a charter for a Lodge to be located in the City of Montreal, Canada, to be hailed and entitled "Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 1, of the Province of Canada." If compatible we would desire that the lodge be designated "No. 1, of British North America," and that it have *Grand Lodge powers.*

The sum of thirty dollars is herewith remitted.

WEATHERILL TAYLOR, JOHN H. HARDIE,
JOSEPH KIRKUP, WM. RODDEN,
GEO. MATTHEWS,

Montreal, May 20th, 1843.

And now it seemed certain to the Montreal Brethren that all delay was at an end, and that they would soon be at work in the Lodge room. In this, however, they were doomed to disappointment. The authorities were, for a time, in doubt as to the proper course to be pursued. Bro. John A. Kennedy, of New York, who at that time worthily filled the office of Grand Sire, felt perfectly satisfied that it was within his province to grant the dispensation. The Constitution of the G. L. U. S. provided for the institution of Lodges in foreign countries, and gave power to the Grand Officers to issue dispensations for that purpose during recess. In ordinary cases this would have been done without delay; but an application from Canada—considering the relations then existing between the G. L. U. S. and the Manchester Unity—being a matter of some importance, the Grand Sire thought a consultation with his colleagues advisable. The first result of this consultation was unfavorable to the applicants. All of the Grand Sire's associates advised against an immediate issue of the dispensation. A resolution had passed the G. L. U. S. at its previous session, expressive of the inexpediency of instituting new Lodges in Britain and other European countries, so long as the Manchester Unity should keep out of the United States; and it was thought that Canada, as a part of the British Empire,might come within the scope of this resolution. But the Grand Sire remained firm in the opinion that the resolution should be taken literally; and that even if it were possible by a simple resolution to prohibit that which the Constitution allowed, at all events there was nothing to hinder action being taken on applications from foreign countries outside of Europe,(Journal G. L U. S., vol. 1, p. 530). This view he finally succeeded in impressing on some of his colleagues, and, a majority of the Grand Officers being favorable, the following dispensation was finally issued on the 29th of July :

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS.

To all whom it may concern :

We, JOHN A. KENNEDY, Most Worthy Grand Sire of the Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F., of the United States of America, and the jurisdiction thereto belonging :

FRIENDSHIP LOVE AND TRUTH.

Know Ye, that by virtue of the power in us vested, we do hereby authorize, and empower our trusty and well-beloved brethren, Weatherill Taylor, John H. Hardie, Joseph Kirkup, Wm. Rodden and George Mathews, P. G., and their successors duly and legally elected, to constitute a Lodge in the City of Montreal and Province of Canada, to be known and hailed by the the title of "Prince of Wales Lodge No. 1," of the Province of Canada.

And we do further authorize and empower our said trusty and well-beloved brethren and their successors, to admit and make ODD-FELLOWS, according to the ancient usages and customs of the Order, and nor contrarywise, with full power and authority to hear and determine all and singular matters and things relating

to the Order within the jurisdiction of the said Lodge, according to the rules and regulations of the GRAND LODGE OF THE UNITED STATES.

Provided always, that the said above-named brethren and their successors, pay due respect to the GRAND LODGE OF THE UNITED STATES, and the ordinances thereof; otherwise, this dispensation to be of no force and effect; and provided, also, that this dispensation shall be approved by the said Grand Lodge, at the next session thereof.

{ L. S. } Given under our hand, and the seal of the Grand Lodge of the United States, at the City of New York, in the State of New York, U. S., this Twenty-Ninth Day of July, Anno Domini, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty-three.

JOHN A. KENNEDY,
GRAND SIRE.

Bro. Alfred Moore, P. D. D. G. M., of Troy, N. Y., was appointed by the Grand Sire as Special Deputy to introduce the Order into Canada. Proceeding to Montreal, accompanied by P. G.'s Ferin and Burton, and Bro. Taylor, one of the petitioners, he found the Canadian Brethren fully prepared for his visit. A comfortable Lodge room had been provided and suitably furnished in the garret over the hardware store of Mr. Wm. Rodden, on St. Paul St.; and here, at three o'clock in the afternoon of the 10th of August, the Pioneer Canadian Lodge, PRINCE OF WALES, No. 1, was instituted. The first officers elected and installed were: W. Taylor, N. G.; John H. Hardie, V. G.; Wm. Rodden, Sec'y, and Joseph Kirkup, Treasurer.

And now the brethren went to work energetically for the success of the Order. The preliminary arrangements they had so quietly and prudently made speedily bore fruit. Within the first week eighteen gentlemen of influence and good standing in the community were admitted, and the new society rapidly grew in strength and in favor with the public.

Soon after its organization the Lodge received a valuable addition in the person of Bro. Thos. Hardie, P. G., a member of Sangammon Lodge, No. 6, of Springfield, Illinois, and a brother of John Hardie. Sangammon Lodge had been instituted in 1841, and Bro. Thos. Hardie was one of the first initiates. Pleased with the Order, and deeply impressed with its evident power as an influence for good, he at once became an active and enthusiastic member, and passed rapidly through the chairs—entering the Grand Lodge of Illinois in March, 1843 It was owing to his recommendation that his brother John joined the Order; and for this reason he doubtless felt that, indirectly, he had had considerable to do with the introduction of Odd-Fellowship into Canada. Removing to Montreal in the summer of 1843, he united with the new Lodge soon after its institution, and by his practical knowledge of

the work of the Order, as well as by his zeal and energy, he was enabled to render valuable assistance to the young Society,

The G. L. U. S. at its ensuing session gave its hearty approval of the course pursued by Grand Sire Kennedy; and sanctioned the introduction of the Order into Canada, in the hope that in its new field of operations there would be found abundant room and favorable circumstances for its rapid development.

These expectations were fully realized. Prince of Wales made such rapid progress that the brethren soon found it advisable to petition for another lodge. Accordingly a sufficient number withdrew for that purpose, and on the 11th of November forwarded their application to the new Grand Sire, Bro. Howell Hopkins. Their request was granted under date of the 27th November, and the commission sent to the Deputy, Bro. Geo. Mathews. The new Lodge, QUEEN'S No. 2, was instituted by him on the 4th December—the charter members taking the following offices;—J. C. Sewell, N. G.; Wm. B. Hartley, V. G.; J. H. Idoff, Sec'y; A. Robertson, Treas.; and Wm. Sutherland, Conductor.

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THE SECOND YEAR—1844.

With the opening of the new year, the order began to push forward into the neighboring cities and towns. The first petition for a lodge outside of Montreal came from St. Johns. Situated within a short distance of the metropolis, it did not take many months to elapse before the fame of the new Society reached this little town, and some of its residents were soon initiated into the Montreal Lodges. One of them, John Hazelton, had been a member of the Order previously in the city of Albany, and had joined Prince of Wales at its institution, as an ancient Odd-Fellow. There was not much dificulty, however, in securing applicants for a charter, for in petitioning for a lodge in those days, it was permissable for non-residents to join in the application, a plan which greatly facilitated the organization of new lodges. In this way, from among those resident in Montreal as well as St. Johns, five members were found on the 24th of January to sign a petition for a new lodge, viz: John W. Gilbert, Calvin P. Ladd, Wm. Hardie,

Joseph Fraser and John Hazelton. The two first named were residents of Montreal. The required dispensation was granted the 14th of February, and on the 4th of March following, PRINCE ALBERT. No. 3, was added to the roll of Canadian Lodges.

About this time the Patriarchal Order was introduced into Montreal. On the 2nd March an application for a warrant to open an encampment was signed by Thos. Hardie, John H. Hardie, Joseph Kirkup, John O. Brown, Wm. Rodden, J. M. Gilbert, S. C. Sewell and George Matthews. Of these brethren, three already had the degrees. Thos. Hardie was a P. H. P. of Lebanon No. 3. Illinois, Joseph Kirkup was a member of Troy No. 2, and George Matthews of Salem, No. 7, Brooklin, N. Y. In order that the other brethren might be qualified as petitioners, the Grand Sire had previously deputed P. C. P., A. Heyer Brown, of Albany N. Y. to visit Montreal, and confer upon them the Patriarchal degrees, which duty was performed by him on the date above mentioned, March 2nd. The application was granted, and special deputy Brown, being unable to attend, authorized P. H. P. Thos. Hardie to institute the new encampment. In accordance with his instructions, Bro. Hardie opened HOCHELAGA ENCAMPMENT, No. 1, in Montreal on Tuesday afternoon, April 2nd, 1844. The following brethren were installed into office: George Matthews, C. P.; Wm Rodden, H. P.; John H. Hardie, S. W.; J. M. Gilbert, Scribe; S. C. Sewell, Treas.; John O. Brown, J. W. Subsequently, Patriarch Rodden resigned, and P. H. P. Hardie filled his office for the remainder of the term.

The Canadian Odd-Fellows now thought it time to have their affairs brought under the control of a local Grand Lodge. It will be remembered that when asking authority to introduce the Order into Canada, they had petitioned the Grand Sire to confer Grand Lodge powers on Prince of Wales Lodge. Though this would have been only following the precedent established in the case of Washington Lodge in Baltimore, yet it was not thought expedient by the authorities of the Order; and the Canadians were required to follow the course by law prescribed for the establishment of Subordinate Grand Lodges.

Three Lodges, the senior not more than a year old, may seem to our eyes a small constituency for a Grand Lodge. But thirty years ago Odd-Fellows, both in Canada and the United States, were very precocious; and as soon as the Order was introduced into any State or Province, they began to talk about having a Grand Lodge. In Canada, however, the Society had grown so rapidly that the Brethren might be

excused if they felt somewhat ambitious. Introduced first on the 10th of August, 1843, by the following summer the membership had reached about 350—embracing some of the leading men of Montreal—men whose names have since obtained a prominent place in Canadian history.

The G. L. U. S. met on the 16th of September, 1844, in Baltimore; and on the first day of the session, Rep. Churchill, of Maine, presented the petition of the Canadian Odd Fellows. It received a favorable hearing; and in accordance with a resolution duly passed, the Grand Sire issued a charter for a Grand Lodge of Canada.

The commission as Special deputy to open the New Grand Lodge, was entrusted to P. G. M. the Rev. Albert Case, of South Carolina, who proceeded to Canada, and summoned the Lodges to meet him in the Prince of Wales Hall, on the 16th of November On that date the following representatives appeared:

Prince of Wales, No. 1.—W. A. Seldon. Thos. Hardie, Wm. A Liddell.

Queen's, No. 2.—Geo. Mathews, Stephen C. Sewell, J. H. Taafe, W. M. B. Hartley.

Prince Albert, No. 3.—Jno. W. Gilbert.

Special Deputy Grand Sire Case then read his commission, and duly instituted the Grand Lodge of Canada. The following brethren were then elected and installed into office:

W. M. B. Hartley,—Grand Master
George Matthews—Dep. Grand Master.
Thos. Hardie,—Grand Warden.
W. A. Seldon.—Grand Secretary.
T. C. Sewell.—Grand Treasurer.
Wm. Rodden.—Grand Marshal.
J. H. Taafe.—Grand Guardian.

The Order in Canada was now fairly started under local management, with all the advantages of "Home Rule." The officers to whose control the affairs of the Society were entrusted were well fitted for their posts. Grand Master Hartley was a Canadian, born in Montreal in 1821. He was a young man of well developed talent, and of good social standing, already engaged in practice as an advocate or barrister. He had been initiated in Quinnipiac Lodge, New Haven, Conn., in August 1843; but at once withdrew to unite himself with Prince of Wales, which was organized about a week after his initiation. Subsequently he joined Queen's Lodge, in which he passed the chairs. In 1844, he received the patriarchal degrees in Sassacus Encampment of Rhode Island. In this same year he was charged by the Odd-Fellows,

of Montreal, (both of the M. U. and our own Order) with a mission to Kingston, the Capital, and the presentation of a petition to the Governor, praying for the exemption of the Odd-Fellows from the provisions of a bill for the suppression of secret societies then before Parliament. His Subordinate officers were all enthusiastic and capable. D. G. M. Mathews had been one of the first movers in the work of introducing the Order into Montreal; Grand Warden Hardie was probably the most experienced member in the jurisdiction; S. C. Sewell, Grand Treasurer, was a leading physician; Wm. Rodden, Grand Marshal, a prominent hardware merchant. In fact, officers and members seem all to have been drawn from the very best classes of society.

Among the names of the new Grand Officers we naturally look for that of Bro. John Hardie, whose services in introducing the Order into Canada would seem to have deserved suitable recognition. But he had removed from Montreal; and therefore took no part in the organization of the Grand Lodge. He was not idle, however; for in his new residence, Quebec, he busied himself so effectually in the interests of the Order that the Grand Lodge of Canada was scarcely instituted, before an application came from the "ancient city" for a charter for a Lodge. He did not have the same difficulties to contend with that taxed him and his colleagues in their efforts to start the first Lodge; for, as in the case of the Lodge in St. Johns, he was enabled to secure the services of some non-resident brethren in applying for the charter. The Grand Lodge, however, in 1845, modified this practice by only permitting it in cases where there was a deficiency of residents; and requiring that all the principal offices should be filled by members living in the locality.

Upon receipt of the application from Quebec, the Grand Master granted the dispensation; and Albion Lodge, No. 4, was instituted by the Grand Warden about the 20th of November. The other applicants for the charter were Bros. Peck, Hilton, T. Hardie and D. Milligan. At the succeeding session of the Grand Lodge the dispensation was confirmed; and the thanks of the Order voted to Bro. John Hardie for his labors in the interest of the Order. And, if we are to judge from results, Bro. John Hardie's work in Quebec was well done; for when the days of depression came in after years, and every Lodge in Lower Canada was disbanded, Albion was the last one in the province to surrender its charter. Bro. John Hardie's services were fully appreciated by his Brethren. In addition to the vote of thanks from the Grand Lodge, the members in Montreal presented him in the following year with a handsome gold medal and a flattering address. He remained in Canada for some years; but subsequently removed to Brooklyn, N. Y., where

he died of softening of the brain on the 29th of December, 1867, after a long and severe illness.

The Grand Lodge of Canada assembled again on the 30th of November—all the officers and members present, except the Grand Treasurer and Grand Guardian. Bro. C. Ladd, of No. 1, was admitted to membership. The Grand Master's action in granting a dispensation to Albion Lodge was confirmed; and the thanks of the Grand Lodge voted to Bro. J. H. Hardie for his efforts in behalf of the Order in the ancient city.

The main business of this, and several succeeding sessions, was the adoption of a Constitution for the jurisdiction. The first code adopted was based largely on the Constitution of New York, with a few variations to suit the views and circumstances of the Canadian brethren. The Grand Lodge was made a representative body, as, while all Past Grands were admitted to a seat, and a Lodge might send as many representatives as it chose, yet important questions were decided by the votes of Lodges. In these cases if a Lodge had less than fifty members it cast one vote; if fifty, two votes, and one for every additional twenty-five members. The majority of representatives of a Lodge were entitled to cast its vote. If the representation was equally divided the Lodge had no vote. Proxy representation was permitted; but no person could represent more than one Lodge. In those days there was no "mileage or per diem," and every one had to pay his own bills. The regular meetings of the Grand Lodge were to be held quarterly; but interim sessions were held during the first few months of its existence, whenever any business required its attention.

On the 5th of December, the Grand Lodge assembled again. The principal business of this session was the granting of a Charter for another Lodge in Montreal, to be called Commercial, No. 5. The charter members were Wm. Rodden, W. A. Seldon, W. H. Colt, Thomas Woodside, Jacob H. Dewitt, Robinson Rustan, Michael Babcock, R. H. Hamilton, R. H. Evans, and J. Cushing. Several of these brethren were gentlemen of marked ability and of high social standing, who either were at that time or subsequently became very prominent in the Order. With such members it was only natural that No. 5 should soon become one of the most influential Lodges in the jurisdiction.

At this session, Bro. Taafe resigned the office of Grand Guardian, and J. W. Gilbert was appointed in his place. Bro. Matthews, previously appointed to take up subscriptions to defray expenses, was

obliged to report no success, and the bills had to be subsequently paid out of the funds of the Grand Lodge.

Another brief session was held on the 16th December; but no business of any consequence was transacted.

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THE THIRD YEAR—1845.

In the month of January of this year, the Grand Lodge held meetings on the 11th, the 15th, and the 18th, for the purpose of perfecting the Constitution.

On the 5th of February, the first regular quarterly meeting was held. The Grand Officers were all present; and the Lodges were represented by the following brethren:

Prince of Wales No. 1.—Joseph Fraser.
Queen's No. 2.—M. H. Seymour.
Prince Albert No. 3.—Wm. Hardie.
Albion No. 4.—Wm. Hilton.
Commercial No. 5.—Wm. Rodden, W. A. Seldon.

At this, and at adjourned sessions on the 6th, 11th, 13th, and 15th, the Grand Lodge was still occupied almost exclusively in the work of preparing its Constitution and By-laws. At the last mentioned date, however, a recommendation was made the Montreal Lodges to unite in the support of a Degree Lodge, by which it was thought greater interest would be felt in the Degree work, as well as greater uniformity secured.

This recommendation was speedily adopted, and on the 21st March following Victoria Degree Lodge was instituted. There is no doubt that the Lodge was successful in keeping up a lively interest in the work, though the officers did not confine themselves too closely to the ritual. Feeling that the work was not as interesting as they thought it ought to be, they endeavored to relieve the monotony by introducing various performances not laid down in the books, more especially in connection with the Fifth Degree. In November of the same year, we find the Grand Lodge administering a reprimand, and advising the Lodge to confer the Degree with all solemnity even if that involved some monotony.

The second Quarterly Session of the Grand Lodge opened in the

forenoon of the 9th of May. All the officers were present, and Reps. Fraser of No. 1, and Hilton of No. 4. The following new members were admitted: John Holland, of No. 1; D. Milligan, of No. 2; J. R. Healey and J. H. Hardie, of No. 4; and R. H. Hamilton, of No. 5.

At this session an effort was made to advance the Order a little further; and an application was received from Bros. C. Carter, Campbell Bryson, Thomas White, Andrew Wilson, W. E. Ibbotson, J. H. Isaacson, J. R. Fraser and W. Adams, for a Charter for a new Lodge, to be called BRITANNIA. But the Grand Lodge thought it advisable to make haste more slowly, and refused the petition.

This session lasted two days. The only business, other than passing accounts and considering the state of the Order, was the division of the jurisdiction into two districts—Montreal and Quebec; and the ordering of suitable regalia.

In the summer of this year the Order was established in the Province of Canada West, by Mr. Edmund Murney, of Belleville. This gentleman was initiated in the Queen's Lodge No. 2, on the 19th of March, 1845, during a visit to Montreal; and, determined to introduce Odd-Fellowship into his own town. He was a gentleman of high standing in the community and well fitted by his position as well as his abilities to reflect credit on any institution of which he might be a supporter. Born in Kingston Nov. 11th, 1812, he was educated in Upper Canada College, and subsequently studied law in the office of Marshall Spring Bidwell, Esq. Called to the bar in 1834, he commenced practice in Belleville, and soon established an excellent reputation. In 1836 he entered the Upper Canada Parliament as member for Hastings. At the general election for the first Parliament of United Canada he was a Candidate; but was defeated by the Hon. Robt. Baldwin. At a subsequent election, however, in 1843, he again contested the riding, with Mr. Joseph Canniff—this time successfully; and continued to represent the constituency, except for one interval of three years, up to 1857. He then left the Assembly, and was elected to the Upper House as member for the Trent Division; and this position he occupied till the time of his death, August 15th, 1861. Mr. Murney was a consistent Conservative of the extreme type—so much so, in fact, that he would not support Sir Allan McNab when that gentleman associated with himself in the government some of the friends of Mr. Hincks in 1854. An active politician, an accomplished lawyer, and a sociable, genial gentleman, he was well calculated to ensure the success of any undertaking in

which he might be engaged. He became an enthusiastic Odd-Fellow, and was for many years the main-stay of the Order in the Bay of Quinte District.

Bro. Murney soon found other Odd-Fellows in his locality with whom he could work. Among them were two older in the Order than himself; Bro. J. A. Glassford, initiated in Prince of Wales Lodge, on the 19th of September, 1843; and Bro. Donald Ross, who had joined Queens Lodge, No. 2, January 8th, 1845. Messrs. Alex. Judd and Adam H. Myers were initiated in Queen's Lodge, in May; and thus a sufficient number were secured to petition the Grand Master for a dispensation to open a Lodge in Belleville.

The application was received in the early part of June, and granted without delay. A dispensation was issued by the Acting Grand Master, Bro. Geo. Mathews; and P. G., David Milligan, of Queen's, was commissioned as Special Deputy for the purpose of giving it effect. On the 17th of June, 1845, VICTORIA LODGE, No. 6, the pioneer Lodge of this Province, was instituted in Belleville, with the following chief officers:—Donald Ross, N. G., E. Murney, V. G., Alex. Judd, Sec., F. Mc Annany, Treas.

Shortly after, another addition was made to the roll of Lodges—the application coming from Stanstead, in the Lower Province, on the 24th of July. The petitioners were W. S. Hunter, of No. 1; and Chas. Seymour, S. S. French, J. C. Chase, and J. G, Gilman, of No. 2. The Lodge was instituted on the 29th, under the name of ORIENTAL No. 7, and had for a time a very successful career. Though it met with much opposition, yet in three months it numbered 40 members, and was able to spend over $400 in fitting up a new hall. At its anniversary next year it had a membership of seventy-five.

The Grand Lodge assembled in first annual session, on the 6th August. The following representatives were duly accredited:

Prince of Wales No. 1.—Thos. Hardie, W. A. Liddell, J. Holland.

Queen's No. 2.—Geo. Matthews, M. H. Seymour, D. Milligan, C. F. Clark.

Prince Albert No. 3.—J. M. Gilbert, C. P. Ladd, C. Pierce.

Commercial, No. 5.—Wm. Rodden, W. A. Seldon, R. H. Hamilton, E. T. Renaud.

The reports of the officers presented at this session indicated cheering progress, and the prospects of the Order were decidedly satisfactory. The reports of the Grand Master and Grand Secretary have not been

preserved, but the statistics for the June term shewed 5 Lodges, 666 contributing members, and a revenue of $8455. The relief expenditure for the year had been $765 75.

The result of the elections this year gave the order the following officers:

Wm. Rodden,—Grand Master.
Thos. Hardie,—Dep. Grand Master.
W. A. Seldon,—Grand Warden.
R. H. Hamilton,—Grand Secretary.
J. M. Gilbert,—Grand Treasurer.
J. Holland,—Grand Chaplain.
W. M. B. Hartley, P. G. M.—Grand Representative.

The election and installation of the officers seems to have been all the business of the session. At an adjourned meeting on the 30th of September, the Grand Lodge had under consideration an important matter, viz., the establishment of a magazine devoted to the interests of the Order. It was started as a private enterprise, but the cordial approval and support of the Grand Lodge was readily extended—one of the best indications of the intelligence and enterprise of the Fraternity. The first number of the Odd-Fellows' Record appeared in January of the year following. It was a neat monthly, octavo, of twenty four pages, published by Bro. Potts of the Montreal "Herald," and edited by P. G. M. Hartley. The Grand Lodge exercised a general supervision by means of a committee consisting of Bros. Hartley, Hamilton and Robinson. It was a well conducted periodical, for a time at least. Its selections were carefully made, while it had an extensive supply of original matter, bearing on other subjects besides Odd-Fellowship. A frequent and valued contributor was Mr. D. Wylie, a leading member of the Manchester Unity, and subsequently well known as a newspaper publisher in Brockville. The Record lived two years. In its issue for December, 1847, it announced some important alterations and improvements for its next volume. The only alteration made was to stop publication.

Adjourned sessions of the Grand Lodge were held on the 1st, 6th and 7th of October; but no business of any consequence was transacted. On the 1st, charters were formally granted to the Lodges previously organized in Belleville and Stanstead. From a Finance Committee's report presented on the 7th, we learn that the affairs of the Grand Lodge were evidently prospering, as, after paying all debts, there a balance left of £144.16s.6d.

The regular Quarterly Session of the Grand Lodge opened on the 5th of November. The Grand Master was not present, through sickness; and the Grand Lodge adjourned to the 19th. At this meeting there were admitted from No. 1, A. McGown and Wm. Hilton; from No. 2, Geo. P. Dickson, and from No. 5, Job Cushing. No business of any consequence was transacted.

The rapid increase of membership, and the growing importance of the Order, had made it apparent at an early date that increased accommodations would be required; and in 1844 an arrangement was made with Bro. G. Bourne for the purpose. This brother undertook to erect a building on Great St. James street, giving the Order a practically perpetual lease. It was built with an express view to the accommodation of the Odd-Fellows, and was arranged to suit their wants. It was a very handsome three story building, with a front of sixty-five feet, and a depth of forty-eight feet. The hall was at the top; the second floor forming an assembly room for concerts and balls; while the ground floor was divided into stores. The main Lodge room was twenty-four by forty-three feet, being finished in white and gold, with a circular ribbed ceiling, handsomely carpeted and furnished. In addition there were a large number of ante-rooms and other apartments. From the description given in the records of the time, there is no doubt that the entire *suite* of apartments were possessed of a beauty and style that have never since been surpassed in Canada. They formed, in fact, a complete Club House.

This seems to have been required; for the Order in Montreal in those days appears to have been eminently aristocratic. At Lodge meeting the members always appeared in full evening dress. Though this might seem in our days to be "putting on airs," yet it was not out of place under the circumstances; for the members were all more or less wealthy; and the wearing of full dress was a custom familiar to them all in their social relations, which entailed neither extra expense nor trouble. And there can be no doubt that the effect on the appearance of a Lodge meeting would be very pleasant; while it would not be without its influence on the members, who both looked and tried to behave like gentlemen.

The new Odd-Fellows' Hall was occupied by the Grand Lodge on November 26th, but was not formally opened until the 2nd of December. It is still in existence * and is known now by the name of Nordheimer's Hall.

Adjourned sessions of the Grand Lodge were held November 26th and 29th, and December 1st, 6th, 9th, 13th, 18th, 20th and 26th. The business transacted was mainly connected with the management of the

* In 1879.

new building. Two new representatives were received on the 18th December, viz., C. S. Pierce, of No. 3, and Donald Ross, of No. 6.

Before closing the record of this year, mention must be made of another addition to the Patriarchal Order. On the 5th of August, the Grand Sire received an application from Quebec, signed by Thomas Hardie, David Milligan, W. Hilton, Willis Russell, John R. Healey, John H. Hardie, A. Joseph, and C. Lecermivant, praying for a dispensation for an Encampment. Some of these patriarchs resided in Montreal; but that was an irregularity not then noticeable. The prayer was granted by the authorities on the 9th of September, and STADACONA ENCAMPMENT No. 2 instituted the following month.

THE FOURTH YEAR—1846.

A meeting of the Grand Lodge was held on the 30th of January, but no business of any consequence was transacted.

The quarterly session was held on the 4th and 7th February. New representatives admitted were Wm. Slack, of No. 1; H. H. Whitney, of No. 2; E. L. Montizambert, of No. 4; John G. Gilman, and S. L. French, of No. 7. Two new Districts were set apart at this session, and the Grand Master appointed P. G. Murney D. D. G. M. for the Victoria District, in Upper Canada; and P. G. French, D. D. G. M. for the St. Francis District, in the Eastern Townships.

But the most important question that came up for consideration had reference to the extension of the Order into the Western Province. The subject was not altogether a new one. At the session on December 6th of the previous year, a communication had been received from P. G., E. T. Renaud, urging active measures; and now additional correspondence was reported by the Grand Officers from other parties. Scattered all over Upper Canada were a number of influential persons who were members of the Montreal Lodges. Montreal was now the capital of Canada—commercial, social and political. Here the merchants came to purchase goods; here the legislators came to attend Parliament; here the "aristocracy" came for the balls and festivities at Government House. The Odd-Fellows' Society was one of the chief social clubs of the city, to which it was fashionable to belong. A visitor had failed to see the lions of Montreal who had not entered the Odd-Fellows' Lodge. And so numbers whose residences were in the Western Province, especially members of Parliament, had become con-

nected with the Order. Some of these were anxious to have Lodges organized in their own homes; and the Grand Lodge was equally anxious to extend the number of its subordinates.

After carefully considering this matter at the meeting on the 7th of February, the Grand Lodge decided to send a deputation westward, on what might be considered a "missionary tour." The brethren chosen for this duty were the D. G. M., Thos. Hardie, and P. G.'s, Geo. P. Dickson and Ed. Murney. Reference has already been made to the character and qualifications of Bros. Hardie and Murney. Bro. Dickson was equally well fitted for the duties devolving upon him. He had been initiated in Queen's Lodge almost immediately after its organization, and had taken a warm interest in the work of Odd-Fellowship, to whose service he brought talents of a high order, which would undoubtedly have soon secured for him the highest positions in the gift of the fraternity. Unfortunately he left Montreal about six months subsequent to this western trip, removing first to Toronto and then to Richmond Hill. He became a chartar member of Home Lodge No. 21, of Toronto, when it was organized in 1847; but absence from the city prevented his taking any active part in Lodge work; and when Home disbanded he lost his connection with the Order. Bros. Hardie and Dickson were the principal members of the deputation. Bro. Murney joined them at Picton, and gave them able assistance in their work in the Bay of Quinte District. *

In order to the successful accomplishment of their mission, the deputation were invested with the most complete powers. The Subordinate Lodges in Montreal gave them a list of all their members residing in Upper Canada, with a stock of blank withdrawal cards, which they were authorized to fill and issue to any who were willing to be petitioners for new Lodges; and the Grand Lodge empowered them to make Odd-Fellows "at sight;" receive petitions; grant dispensations; institute Lodges; and in the words of their commission, "do and perform all other acts and things which might be or become necessary for the due and proper fulfilment of the objects and purposes," had in view. If ever Odd-Fellowship was divested of red-tape it was during the operations of these pioneer "missionaries" in Canada.

The deputation left home on Wednesday, the 4th of March, 1846, for a trip of more than 800 miles—the double journey—by coach, over a road which might be pleasant for a summer ride, but could scarcely be calculated on for comfort during a Canadian Spring. The traveller who leaves Montreal on the Grand Trunk Railway in these days will

* For particulars in regard to this "missionary tour," we are indebted to the report of the deputation drawn up by Bro. Dickson, and presented to the Grand Lodge, but never printed; and also to the MSS. diary kept by the same brother.

reach Cornwall in a couple of hours ; it took the deputation from 11 a. m. to 12 p. m. of their first day's journey.

The first point selected for active operations was the town of Brockville, which was reached about noon of the 5th. Here they obtained the co-operation of Bros. Geo. Sherwood, M. P., of No. 2, Rhynas of No. 1, Morton and Webster of No. 5, and James Goodeve, Esq. In the evening they met at the residence of the latter gentlemen, where he was initiated, and in company with Bro. Webster received the Degrees. The petition of the five Brothers having been presented and accepted, BROCK LODGE, No. 9, was then duly instituted, with Bro. Geo. Sherwood as first N. G. Three candidates were initiated and appointed to office ; and in their journal the deputation make the comment: "Sincere zeal pervades the mind of each member, and indeed the prospects were encouraging." That the zeal of the early members was sincere, and that the prospects were encouraging, is fully borne out by the subsequent history of Brock Lodge.

Kingston was next visited; and though it was nine o'clock at night before the deputation reached that city they lost no time. They were met by Bro. Christie, of No. 2, and afterwards saw Bros. Gillespie and Frazer, of No. 5, and made arrangements for the next day's work. On the 7th they had several interviews with these brothers, and also with Bro. John A. Macdonald, of No. 2. Suitable rooms were secured for the evening's proceedings in Bro. Frazer's "Bachelor's Hall," and at five o'clock they met and initiated Dr. Robert McLean, and conferred the Degrees on him and Bros. Gillespie and Frazer. CATARAQUI LODGE, No. 10, was then instituted—Bro. John A. Macdonald being installed N. G. In the evening Sheriff Corbett and a number of the prominent citizens of Kingston were initiated, and the new Lodge started out with fair prospects.

Fortunately for the delegation the next day was Sunday, and the day was devoted to rest. On Monday morning early they started for the town of Picton, which was reached by evening. Here a number of Odd-Fellows resided, who were members of Victoria Lodge, No. 6, of Belleville ; and here the deputation was met by P. G. Edmund Murny, M. P., and about thirty members of No. 6, who had come over with a full supply of regalia and material. Proceeding to the residence of Bro. D. L. Fairfield, it did not take long to institute PRINCE EDWARD, No. 11, with Bro. Henry Corby, N. G.

Here some of the worthy Brethren from Belleville, met with a little disappointment. They had been led to believe that the N. G's. of

all the new Lodges instituted would be selected from among them; but they were informed that honors could not be distributed so cheaply, and that no one would be installed N. G. of any Lodge unless he was a resident, or would pledge himself to attend a majority of nights in the term. Everything approaching to irritation, however, was allayed by the appointment of P. G. Murney as D, D. G. M. for Canada West. It was midnight when the Lodge closed, and snatching a hasty meal the brethren started for Belleville, where they arrived by six in the morning. An hour's sleep was all the rest they were allowed; and then, accompanied by Bro. Murney and four other members of Victoria, the deputation took coach for Cobourg, which they reached in time for supper. It was late in the day to begin operations; and there were only two Odd-Fellows, members of No. 6, resident in the town. But some preliminary arrangements had already been made, and all parties interested speedily assembled in the office of D'Arcy E. Boulton, Esq., where Messrs. Boulton, Clark and Jackson, were duly qualified, and ONTARIO, No. 12, instituted. It was late when work was finished; and there is no doubt that Bros. Hardie and Dickson made a truthful entry in their journal when they wrote: "Much fatigued, we retired to rest."

Early on the following morning D. D. G. M. Murney and the Belleville Brethren started for Peterboro, leaving the "missionaries" to follow more leisurely. Their leisure, however, instead of being devoted to sleep, as it might well have been, was occupied in giving instructions to the officers of Ontario Lodge. A ten hours' trip over not the smoothest of roads, brought the deputation to Peterboro—away in the back woods, as it might justly be termed in those days. It was late in the evening; but the Belleville Brethren, who had arrived an hour or two before, had stirred up the people, and all were ready for business. Two members of No. 2 were resident here, George B. Hall, M. P., and L. Ferguson; and three members of No. 6: Chas. Perry, (a cousin of J. Ham Perry, now P. G. M. of Ontario), Wm. Claxton and Henry Easton. It was necessary only to confer the Degrees on Bros. Claxton and Ferguson; and the charter members of the new Lodge were fully qualified. A room in the Court House was secured through the kindness of Sheriff Conger (who was initiated the same evening), and OTONABEE LODGE, No. 13, duly instituted, with the following officers: George B. Hall, N. G.; Chas. Perry, V. G.; Wm. Claxton, Secretary; Henry Easton, Treas. Immediately afterwards eight of the leading citizens were initiated; and the work was done in good style. They had the use of the entire Court House; a full supply of paraphernalia had been brought

from Belleville; all the Brethren were in excellent humor for work; and as the Ritual of those days (it was the *old Ritual*) allowed considerable scope for a lively ceremony, we may assume that all the candidates received full value for their admission fees.

After riding all day and working nearly all night, it was not surprising that the missionaries should miss the stage Thursday morning, and be compelled to hire a conveyance in which to prosecute their journey to Port Hope. The Belleville Brethren now returned home, and the deputation reached their destination late in the afternoon, accompanied by only Bro. W. Fraser, of No. 13. There were no Odd-Fellows in Port Hope, but there seemed no difficulty in finding citizens willing to join the new society, the fame of which had gone on before! Four gentlemen were chosen, and initiated in short order—receiving, with Bro. Fraser, the Degrees; and the Lodge instituted in the law office of Marcus F. Whitehead, Esq., HOPE No. 14, started with the following officers:—Dr. Ed. Hickman, N. G.; M. F. Whitehead, V. G.; Geo. Ward, Secretary; H. H. Meredith, Treasurer; and Wm. Fraser, P. Secretary.

Friday, the 13th, was by no means an agreeable day for travelling. The rain came down in torrents; and when the stage for Toronto arrived from the East, it was crammed with passengers, leaving no room for Bros. Hardie and Dickson. But they "meant business" all through their tour; and, rain or shine, stage or no stage, they were not to be stopped. An open waggon was secured, and they started off, regardless of weather. Darlington was reached about seven o'clock at night. A long ride in the pouring rain had not only thoroughly soaked the Brethren, but pretty well tired them out; and yet they commenced searching the village for some one to take them right on to Toronto. Fortunately for themselves they could find nobody as anxious to travel in a dark, rainy March night as they were; and they had to go to bed.

Up betimes Saturday morning; a conveyance was hired; the journey resumed, and Toronto reached just as another night set in. Bros. W. H. Boulton, of No. 5, and George Duggan, of No. 2, had their trunks packed ready to start for Montreal, to be in their places at the opening of Parliament, so that no time was to be lost in getting the new Lodge started. At that late hour on Saturday night it was difficult to find the Toronto members. Bro. Duggan and the Hon. J. B. Robinson could not be found; but they secured Bros. S. B. Campbell and Robert Lindsey, of No. 2; Richard Kneeshaw, of No. 5, and J. G. Josephs a Past Grand Warden of the State of Ohio. These joined with Brother

Boulton at his house after nine o'clock; and there the deputation, assisted by P. G. Donald Ross, instituted TECUMSEH, No. 15. The first officers installed were W. H. Boulton, N. G.; S. B. Campbell, V. G.; R. Kneeshaw, Secretary; and J. G. Joseph, Treasurer.

Sunday at last—a day of rest; and then on Monday, a lake trip westward on board the *Transit*. Bro. Hardie went on to Buffalo, and Bro. Dickson stopped at Niagara. No chance for a Lodge here; and so, next day, the 17th, on to Queenstown by boat, and thence by stage to St. Catharines. Here, at first, the prospects did not look bright. Bro. James Stevenson, of No. 1, upon whom the deputation had been depending for aid, had joined the Manchester Unity in starting a Lodge of that Order, of which he was V. G. After some persuasion, however, Bro. Dickson managed to get him into harness; and between them they secured a number of citizens who were willing to join the Independent Order, and establish a Lodge. It was the night of meeting of the M U.; and Bro. Stevenson had to attend to his duties there until ten o'clock. In the meantime Bro. Dickson repaired to the rendezvous—the office of Mr. John Maulson—and there initiated and qualified Messrs. Maulson, David KISSACK, Chauncey Yale, E. W. Stephenson, D. McPhail and John L. Ranney. Upon the arrival of Bro. Stevenson, the Lodge was organized as UNION No. 16, Bro. James Stevenson, N. G. This Brother had tendered his resignation of office in the M. U., but it was not accepted; so he had to hold office in two Lodges at the same time—a rather unusual occurence, and, of course illegal. But they were not very particular in those days.

On the 18th, Bros. Dickson and Hardie met at Queenston, and both returned to Toronto. The day after they took the steamer to Wellington Square (Burlington) and from thence by stage to Hamilton. Parliamentary duties had called away Sir Allan McNab, so that his aid could not be obtained. Bro. Henry McKinstrey, of No. 2, however, undertook the task of securing the necessary number of candidates; and in the evening, at his house, Messrs. Wm. M. Shaw, Andrew Stuart, W. A. Harvey, George Angus and Jaspar T. Gilkison were duly qualified to become petitioners for a charter. In this way the deputation were enabled to institute BURLINGTON LODGE, No. 17, Bro. McKinstrey being first N. G. Remaining in the city another day a more suitable room was secured, a number of gentlemen initiated, and the new officers instructed in the Work.

Hamilton had been fixed as the westerly limit of the missionary tour. There were one or two individual members residing still further west; but there appeared no reasonable prospect of planting new Lodges in that sparsely settled portion of the Province with any hopes

of success. So Bros. Hardie and Dickson turned their faces homeward, well pleased with the work they had accomplished.

On the way to Montreal the Lodges in Toronto, Cobourg, Belleville, Kingston and Brockville were visited, initiations conducted, the work rehearsed, books examined, and every effort made to ground the new Lodges thoroughly in the principles and practices of the Society. The roads were in a horrible condition, and the journey was far from pleasant. Riding sometimes for twenty-four hours continuously in an open wagon, under a pouring March rain, was a style of travel not unusual in those days; and our missionaries had just one month of it.

Correspondence had taken place with some brothers resident in Cornwall, and the deputation resolved to finish their work by organizing a Lodge here on their way home. Bro. J. Sandfield Macdonald, M. P., being absent in Montreal, there was only one member of the Order in town from whom assistance could be obtained—J. D. Pringle, Esq. A number of citizens, however, were found who, after receiving full explanations, agreed to join the Society and aid in the organization of a Lodge. Accordingly they met at the house of Mr. Marshall, who, with Messrs. J. F. Pringle, L. M. Putnam, Alex. McDougall and Duncan McDonald, were duly initiated, and St. Francis, No. 18, instituted—on the 1st April, J. D. Pringle, N. G.

This finished the labors of the deputation. Next morning they left for Montreal, but owing to bad roads were detained on the way, and did not reach home till the following afternoon, April 3rd. It takes now about two hours to make the run from Cornwall to Montreal; it took our brethren on this occasion nearly two days.

Thus ended a successful missionary tour, in which Odd-Fellowship was thoroughly planted in the Western Province. It is true that of the ten Lodges then organized, only two have survived to the present day; but it is equally true that these two were the only Lodges in the whole of British North America that did survive through the subsequent decline of the Order; so that the offshoots were more prosperous than the parent stem. While all other Lodges ceased to work, and the Grand Lodge became defunct, Brock and Union are still alive and prosperous.

The expenses of the deputation were defrayed out of the charter fees of the new Lodges; and the brethren received, as they well deserved, the thanks of the Order in Montreal, and of the Grand Lodge, for their earnest labors.

Before the deputation to Upper Canada left Montreal, arrangements had been made for the organization of another Lodge in the metropolis. There were already three in that city; but it was thought

room could be found for a fourth, and a number of brethren united in a petition to the authorities for that purpose. The petition was granted; and CANADA, No. 8, organized on the 13th March, the following being the charter members: F. Lane, Jas. Gibson, John Sewell, and L. H. Holton, of No. 2; J. M. Gilbert, of No. 3; John Young, John Murray, F. B. Matthews, John Smith, R. S. M. Bouchette, and John Williams, of No. 5.

About this time also, a Lodge was instituted in Goderich, C. W. Its birth was informal and irregular; the officials of the Order knew nothing about it; and it was evidently self-constituted. It bore the title of AMITY; and seems to have commenced operations about the 11th of March. It made a tremendous rush; and from a copy of a return found among some old papers of Hope Lodge, it would appear to have had a membership of over fifty inside of two months. But its career seems to have been meteoric—a sudden flash, and then a complete disappearance.

From Quebec city also came signs of progress. On the 26th of March an application for a dispensation was received, from Bros. Peter Sheppard, Jno. Racey, Wm. Geo. Sutherland, S. Wrighd Wm. Tims, J. E. Anderson, A. Fraser, Robt. Shaw, Daniel Bews, and R, Chambers; and on the 19th of April, MERCANTILE LODGE, No. 19, was instituted by D. D. G. M, J. R. Healy. The following brethren filled the chairs in this Lodge for the first term: Peter Sheppard, N. G.; Jno Racey, V. G.; S. Wright, Sec.; J. E. Anderson, P. S.; N. G. Pentland, Treas.

The business of the Grand Lodge at its May Quarterly Session, held on the 6th, 8th, 9th and 11th, was not of any marked importance. The new representatives admitted were Geo. Hall, No. 4; Jno. Dyde, No. 5; E. Murney, No. 6; J. M. Gilbert, No. 8. A communication was received from a Bro. Hunt, residing in Simcoe, C. W., concerning the organization of a Lodge in that village; but nothing resulted therefrom. The attendance at these sessions seems to have been rather slim. The city representatives were by no means prompt; and "no quorum" was often recorded on the minutes.

A resolution passed at the session on the 11th, gives an indication of the "high tone" of our ancestors; and also tells something of the morals of Montreal society. The resolution referred to forbade members of the Order taking any part in duels, whether as principals or seconds.

Meanwhile, the Patriarchs were not idle; and a couple of new encampments were organized. On the 27th February the Grand Sire received an application from Montreal for a dispensation to open ROYAL MOUNT, No. 3. This was signed by Patriarchs Thos. Hardie, R. H.

Hamilton, W. Hilton, Christopher Dunkin, Jno. Irvine, H. E. Montgomerie, D. MacKay, John Sproston, L. H. Holton, S. C. Sewell, Wm. A. Seldon, Wm. Rodden, John Holland, James Potts, John McDonald and John Murray. The warrant was issued March 9th and sent to the D. D. G. S. Sewell. But the document did not travel very fast; and as the 21st of March had been fixed by the Patriarchs for the institution, when that date arrived, and the dispensation did not, the D. D. G. S. took the law in his own hands, and opened this camp. As the documents arrived in a few days, no harm resulted from the irregularity. The first officers elected were: Wm. Hilton, C. P.; C. Dunkin, H. P.; John Irvine, S. W.; H. E. Montgomerie, Scribe; D. MacKay, F. Scribe; John Sproston, Treas., and John Murray, J. W. The prospects of Royal Mount were certainly very bright; for on the first meeting there were twenty-six applicants for admission, including such well-known names as W. H. Draper, D. Daly, John Young, S. Foster, J. M. Ferries, R. S. M. Bouchette, H. Starnes, J. Sandfield Macdonald, Geo. B. Hall, John A. Macdonald, Geo. Sherwood, Geo. Desbarats, Rev. Dr. Matheson, etc. And yet in a little more than three years, Mount Royal was dead; its last recorded meeting having been held October 26th, 1849,

The next Encampment was organized in Quebec on the 9th of June, under the title of St. Louis, No. 4. There seems to have been the same irregularity in the institution of this Camp as in that of No. 3, for the application was only made on the 5th of June, and the dispensation was not granted till the 19th—ten days after the institution. But the early Canadian Odd-Fellows did not feel the restraining influences of red tape to any great extent, and were in many cases both independent and irregular. The first officers of St. Louis were Dr. J. A. Sewell, C. P.; Francis Bowen, H. P.; A. C. Buchanan, S. W.; Wm. Tims, S.; Robert Gilman, F. S.; A. G. Pentland, J. W.

In the summer of 1846, it was thought advisable that the new Lodges in the West should be strengthened and encouraged by a visit from a Grand Officer. This was all the more necessary, as the ritual they had received was the "old work;" and they required to be placed in possession of the later edition of 1846. For this purpose, Grand Secretary Hamilton was sent out to instal the officers, instruct the brethren, and collect the fees. Returning to Montreal, he visited Bytown on the way, where a number of brethren resided, and added another Lodge to the roll by the institution of Ottawa, No. 20, on the 2nd of August, 1846. The charter members were Francis Thompson, of No. 1; Thomas S. Hunton, John Scott, Alex. Bryson and Zachariah

Wilson, of No. 2; and Geo. B. Lyons and Robert Hervey, of No. 5. The first officers installed were:—Geo. B. Lyons, .N G.; R. Hervey, V. G.; Thos. S. Hunton, S.; and Z. Wilson, T.

The progress of the Order as shown by the quarterly Returns for the June term of this year was decidedly satisfactory. The following table will show the numerical condition of the Order in Canada at this date.

LODGES.	Past Grands.	Scarlet Degree.	3rd Degree.	Initiatory.	Total.
Prince of Wales No. 1	9	89	..	43	...141
Queen's, No. 2	11	170	5	58	...244
Prince Albert, No. 3	5	20	4	1	... 30
Albion, No. 4	4	151	..	66	...221
Commercial, No. 5	6	175	11	110	...302
*Victoria, No. 6	3	66	5	28	..102
Oriental, No. 7	3	47	4	11	... 65
Canada, No. 8	1	15	6	9	... 31
Brock, No. 9	..	16	10	10	... 36
*Cataraqui, No. 10	..	..	..	..	... 46
*Prince Edward, No. 11	1	23	5	31	... 60
Ontario, No. 12	..	23	6	25	... 54
Otonabee, No. 13	..	23	5	29	... 57
*Hope, No. 14	..	13	4	29	... 46
Tecumseh, No. 15	2	21	21	27	... 71
Union, No. 16	..	25	2	26	... 53
Burlington, No. 17	..	17	2	24	.. 43
St. Francis, No. 18	..	19	2	38	... 59
Mercantile, No. 19	..	32	2	26	... 60
	45	945	94	591	1721

Of course. the Institution did not spread itself so rapidly without meeting with opposition. This opposition, as is unfortunately too often the case, came from some of the religious sects. It was not confined to one denomination, for both Catholics and Protestants seem to have joined in it.

The first blast came from the Montreal *Witness* in June of 1846, which, in a general denunciation of all secret societies, included Odd-Fellows' lodges and temperance organizations. This was more efficiently echoed in the month following by the Catholic Bishop of Montreal, who issued a *mandament* against those secret societies which pro-

* In these Lodges the classification of Degree Members is not perfect—a few members being classed in a lower grade than that to which they actually belonged. This, however, does not affect the total membership.

fessed charity, but were bound by oaths, and sought only wicked ends. He did not expressly name the Odd-Fellows, and the members of that Order sought to make it appear that he could not have referred to them, as they were not "oath-bound." Quite a number of Catholics had joined the lodges in Lower Canada, and the friends of the Order were of course anxious to avoid any collision with the Church. But the Bishop's *mandament* was only the first indication that the clergy had changed their tactics from a tacit countenance to an active and virulent opposition.

In the September following another valuable ally came to the help of the Montreal *Witness* and the Catholic Bishop of Montreal in the shape of the Toronto *Examiner*, which devoted four columns to an attack upon the Order. Very bombastically did the editor of the *Examiner* compare himself in his attack on Odd-Fellowship to the sturdy Knox waging war to the knife against a powerful Church. As the entire membership of the Lodge in Toronto at that date did not much exceed seventy, the *Examiner* would not seem to have been endangering itself to any appreciable extent by fighting the Odd-Fellows. For some time the *Examiner* was the only opponent of Odd-Fellowship among the Upper Canadian papers. The London *Times* followed in its footsteps during the next year. But the *Examiner* and the *Times* have passed away, and their names are scarcely remembered; Odd-Fellowship still lives.

Despite all opposition, however, the Grand Lodge met in its first annual session on the 5th August, 1846, under very happy auspices and with very bright prospects. The following representatives were present:

Prince of Wales No. 1.—Thos. Hardie, J. Holland, Wm. Hilton, A. McGown, D. McKay, R. Cooke.

Queen's No. 2.—W. M. B. Hartley, Geo. Matthews, S. C. Sewell, M. H. Seymour, D. Milligan, Geo. P. Dickson, C. F. Clarke, H. H. Whitney, J. Irvine, C. C. S. DeBleury.

Albion No. 4.—John H. Hardie, J. R. Healey, E. L. Montizambert, G. B. Hall.

Commercial No. 5.—Wm. Rodden, W. A. Seldon, R. H. Hamilton, E. T. Renaud, J. Cushing, J. Dyde, C. Dunkin.

Oriental No. 7.—J. E. Chase, J. W. Baxter.
Canada No. 8.—J. M. Gilbert, L. H. Holton.
Brock No. 9.—Geo. Sherwood.
Mercantile No. 19.—Peter Sheppard.

After the presentation of reports came the election of officers, resulting in the choice of the following brethren, who were duly installed:

R. H. Hamilton, Grand Master.
E. L. Montizambert, Deputy Grand Master.
M. H. Seymour, Grand Warden.
J. Cushing, Grand Secretary.
C. C. S. DeBleury, Grand Treasurer.
J. Holland, Grand Chaplain.
H. H. Whitney, Grand Representative.
John Dyde, Grand Marshal.
Robert Cooke, Grand Guardian.

The new officials of the Order were all prominent and influential gentlemen. Grand Master Hamilton was in the Imperial Civil Service and was Collector of Customs at Montreal. The D. G. M., Montizambert, was a distinguished member of the legal profession in Quebec, who was about this time appointed chief law officer of the Upper House of Parliament, a position he held for many years. DeBleury was also a lawyer and a member of Parliament. The others were all leading merchants.

The Grand Lodge continued in session until the 9th, and then adjourned to the 21st to receive reports of some special committees.

Probably the most important matter ever considered by the Canadian Fraternity come up on the third day of this session; and that was the question of "Independence." This had been first suggested by Grand Secretary Ridgley in his annual report to the G. L. U. S., in 1845. Referring to the condition of the Order in the Republic of Texas and in British America, he said:

"It is suggested very respectfully that upon the formation of new lodges in foreign countries, whether the interests of Odd-Fellowship would not be much promoted by recognizing such organizations as distinct sovereignties in the Order, exercising independent powers. It will doubtless, be apparent, that in matters of local regulation, and many details of form, that the constituencies of our Order in foreign countries are not free from the natural influences and predilictions for the laws and systems of the government under which they live. This common feeling superadded to the general distrustfulnes of associations such as ours, may not so easily be combatted when they are known to preserve a close affiliation with a parent lodge established under political institutions so widely different from their own.*

This idea was strongly endorsed by the special Committee of the G. L. U. S., to which it was referred. The report presented by Rep. Della Torre, of South Corolina, declared that the Committee concurred in the suggestion as to the propriety of recognizing Grand

*Journal G. L. U. S., Vol. 1, p. 622.

Lodges out of the United States as distinct sovereignties, and goes on to say :

"It seems to your Committee that the peculiar wants and interests of the Order can be understood and cared for properly only by those who are more immediately in contact with the mass of the Order. The pride of self-government, too, will naturally stimulate our brethren in other places to greater exertions in increasing and sustaining the number of their lodges, a feeling which would be much chilled if the power resulting from the organization of the lodges was to be concentrated and delivered into the hands of those who were strangers to the country, institutions, and perhaps language. Prejudices which would arise against the Order from its supreme power being vested exclusively in a tribunal situated in another country, would soon be destroyed by a transfer of authority to the spot where it was to be exercised." *

This report closed with a resolution creating Grand Lodges in foreign countries distinct sovereignties, with independent powers, as soon as they were organized. Presented late on the last day of the session, there was not time for the proper discussion of this question, and it was laid on the table. Subsequent events, however, shewed that the idea conceived was considered then the true principle for cases of this kind.

The suggestion was favorably received in British America. Not only were the leading brethren in the Province enthusiastic Odd-Fellows; they were enthusiastic Canadians as well. Many of them, besides, were active politicians belonging to that party which has always laid special claim to loyal devotion to Great Britain and to Canada. Readers of British American history acquainted with the political views of Messrs. Draper, Daly, Sherwood, MacNab, Macdonald, Dunkin, Murney, Robinson, Boulton, Duggan and others of their colleagues, can readily understand that with such gentlemen, as well as many prominent members of the Civil Service at the head of Canadian Odd-Fellowship, the idea of complete independence of the United States would not be unpopular.

During the summer of 1846, the question of independence was formally mooted in Commercial Lodge, No. 5, which not only discussed the matter among its own members, but communicated with other lodges; so that opportunity had been given the brethren before the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Canada, to consider the merits and demerits of the proposal. On the third day of the Session, the 7th of August, a motion was made by Rep. Christopher Dunkin, seconded by Rep. Luther H. Holton, to refer this subject to a Special Committee. The motion was carried, and the Committee appointed, consisting of Reps, C. Dunkin, L. H. Holton, H. H. Whitney, John Holland and E. L. Montizambert.

*Journal G. L. U. S., vol. 1, page 693.

This was the first appearance in Grand Lodge of a brother who for several years took a prominent part in the affairs of Odd-Fellowship Christopher Dunkin, of Commercial No. 5. One of the rising lawyers and prominent citizens of Montreal, he had already attained a public reputation and a social position that rendered him of great service to the Order. But he gave his time and talents, as well as his name to the cause of Odd-Fellowship ; and from his first appearance in Grand Lodge in 1846 until he finally severed his connection with the Order, he was one of its leading spirits, and left the impress of his intellect upon all its transactions.

Grand Lodge met again on the 21st of August. The Committee on Independence was not prepared to report, but there were some other matters that required attention. On the report of the Committee on laws, the jurisdiction was divided into the following districts : The judicial districts of Quebec and Gaspe, under a D. D. G. M., resident in Quebec ; the district of St. Francis, under a D. D. G. M., at Stanstead ; Montreal and Three Rivers, under the G. M. directly. Canada West was divided into four districts : No. 1 embraced all East of Midland district, and including lodges Nos. 9, 18 and 20 ; Nos. 2, the Midland, Victoria and Prince Edward Districts, including Mo. 6, 10 and 11 ; No. 3, Newcastle and Colborne with Nos. 12, 13 and 14 ; anp No. 4, Home District and all West with No. 15, 16 and 17.

At this meeting the Grand Lodge ordered an address and a silver snuff box to be presented to Bro. Thos. Hardie, who was about to leave Canada ; and also voted him the sum of £15, for services rendered in instituting new lodges in the Western Province. The return of Bro. Hardie to the United States was a severe loss to Odd-Fellowship in Canada. A stranger in Montreal, he had not been able to bring any strength to the Order from his personal influence in the community ; nor was it possible for him to be more enthusiastic in the work than many of the leading members. But he brought to the assistance of the Order something that his Brethren lacked—an acquaintance with the general law and secret work, and a more extended experience of Odd-Fellowship than any Canadian Odd-Fellow had in those early days. He had been a decided acquisition to the young society, and his loss must have been severely felt. In addition to the acknowledgement of his services by the Grand Lodge. Bro. Hardie received from his own lodge, Prince of Wales, a gold watch and chain. He left Canada on the 27th of November, having been a resident of the province about three years. *

*Bro. Hardie is still (1879) an active member of the Order in the city of Dubuque, Iowa, and also in the Grand Lodge of the State, which he represented in the G. L. U. S., in 1857 and 58.

The Grand Lodge met occasionally during the remainder of the year ; on the 25th August ; the 9th September ; and again in October. But the important session was that of the 9th September, when the report of the Special Committee on Independence was presented by the chairman, Rep. C. Dunkin. The report introduced the following resolutions :

1. That with a view to the permanent and general interest of Odd Fellowship, it is, in the opinion of this R. W. Grand Lodge, inexpedient that any branch of the Order established in one country should be subject for any longer period than may be absolutely unavoidable to the legislative or other control of a tribunal in name or in fact belonging to a branch of the Order established in a foreign country.

2. That in the opinion of this Grand Lodge the existence and mutual recognition, as required by the principle above set forth, of a number of territorially independent or sovereign jurisdictions of the Order, the authorities of which should be bound by mutual engagement to the maintenance as well of the most intimate fraternal relations between the several branches of the Order under their respective government as of the principles and work of the Order in general, would tend to give to the organization of the Order a character of permanence and universality which it cannot otherwise be expected to attain.

3. That from the terms of the original Charter granted in the year 1820 by the Duke of York's Lodge of Preston to "No 1 Washington Lodge, the Grand Lodge of Maryland and of the United States of America" ; from the refusal, in the year 1821, of the authorities of the Order in Manchester to interfere to charter Franklin Lodge No. 2 within the limits of the United States, and from the express assurance conveyed by the subsequent charter granted in the year 1826 by the Grand Annual Moveable Committee in Manchester to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States as then constituted, that in its government of the Order throughout the United States it should be free from "the interference of any other country so long as the same is administered according to the principles and purity of Odd-Fellowship." It is clear that the said principle was fully understood and acted upon by the authorities of that branch of the Order as constituted during that period within the United Kingdom.

4. That from the provisions of the first article of the Constitution of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, whereby after the declaration that that Right Worthy Body "is the source of all true and legitimate authority in Odd-Fellowship in the United States of America," and the ultimate tribunal to which all matters of general importance to the State, District and Territorial Grand Lodges and Encampments are to be referred," it is further only set forth that the said Right Worthy Body "has inherent power to establish lodges and encampments in foreign countries where no Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment exists," and not that it claims any right of jurisdiction afterwards in such foreign countries ; it is also clear that the said principle is fully recognized by the authorities of the great branch of the Order established in the United States.

5. That in the recommendation offered at the Annual Communication of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, held in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, by the R. W. Grand Secretary of that body, to the effect that upon the formation of Grand Lodges in foreign countries the same should be recognized as distinct sovereignties in the Order, and in the approval of this recommendation by the Special Committee of the said R. W. Grand Lodge to whom the same was referred, this Grand Lodge recognizes evidence of the readiness of the said authorities to carry the said principle into practical effect.

6. That inasmuch as the institution in Canada of a Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment the organization of the Order within the Provinces of British North America is now so far advanced as to admit of its affairs being advantageously administered by a Sovereign Tribunal of Odd Fellowship exercising independent jurisdiction within and throughout the same, and inasmuch as, in the opinion of this Grand Lodge, the erection and recognition of such tribunal would not only, without doubt, essentially conduce to the future prosperity of the Order within the present jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, but would, besides, secure its intro-

duction under circumstances eminently favorable to its rapid development throughout the Lower Provinces; and, further, inasmuch as the branch of the Order here established if thus independent of foreign control would have far greater facilities than it otherwise could have, or than any branch of the Order established beyond the limits of the British Empire can have for spreading the principles and work of the Order in the United Kingdom and elsewhere in the possessions dependent thereon, as also for acting upon the several bodies of Odd Fellows therein organized, with a view to the removing of the differences at present subsisting among them or between any of them and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows as organized on this side of the Atlantic; the R. W. Grand Representative of this Grand Lodge to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States be, and he is hereby, instructed to lay before that Right Worthy Body the application of this Grand Lodge for a charter to confirm the erection of such Sovereign Tribunal of Odd Fellowship for British North America, and to recognize the same as an independent jurisdiction of the Order.

7. That in making this application for the reasons above set forth, this Grand Lodge takes occasion, as well in behalf of the Body into which after the issue of such charter it will be merged, as in it scapacity, as representing the several Lodges of the Order in Canada, to place on record its unreserved engagement to adhere to the principles and work of the Order, in concert with the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States and such other Sovereign Tribunals of the Order as from time to time may be hereafter regularly constituted; to maintain at all times the most intimate fraternal relations with the several branches of the Order under their respective government; and until such time as the number of the regularly recognized independent jurisdictions of the Order shall admit of more comprehensive arrangements being made in that behalf, to receive the Annual Travelling Pass-word from the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States; to accredit to its annual communications a Special Grand Representative, or Representatives; to receive with becoming distinction such Special Grand Representative, or Representatives, as the R. W. Grand Lodge, of the United States, may in return accredit; and freely to interchange with it copies of all desired documents and records.

8. That, in order to the securing of perfect uniformity and correctness in the whole work of the Order, under the arrangement above set forth, the R. W. Grand Representative of this Grand Lodge be, and is hereby further instructed, to request of the R. W. Grand Lodge, of the United States, that that Right Worthy Body, or its officers, should cause the fullest instruction to be given to himself and to the R. W. Grand Representative of the Grand Encampment of Canada, in regard to the details of the said work, and especially in regard to the higher and Past Official Degrees.

9. That, inasmuch as it appears to this Grand Lodge to be inconvenient that a Sovereign Tribunal of the Order having independent jurisdiction, should be designated by a title which is also given to one of the two classes of tribunals exercising a superior jurisdiction only in the Order, and subject to its revision and authority, this Grand Lodge would suggest to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the U. S., whether it would not be desirable to assign to such Sovereign Tribunals some other designation; and would propose, (unless the R. W. Grand Lodge, of the U. S., sees any valid objection to such a course) that the body which shall hereafter exercise the powers in question within British North America be recognized by the said R. W. Grand Lodge, of the U. S., as "The Grand Chapter of British North America."

10. That in the opinion of this Grand Lodge it is desirable that for the several purposes: firstly, of adopting a Constitution for itself; secondly, of deciding the limits of the several superior Grand Lodges and Grand Encampment jurisdictions into which British North America should be divided; thirdly, of chartering such Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments as it may be desirable in the first instance to erect in and for the same or any of them; and fourthly, of enacting such forms of constitution, or other general regulations, as it may be deemed requisite forthwith, to enact for the guidance of such Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments: the said Grand Chapter at its first meeting do consist of the several officers, elective and appointed, of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Canada, and of such other Past Grands having the Royal Purple Degree, as may have been or may be duly returned by the several Lodges and Encampments within this jurisdiction to be members of the said Grand Lodge or Grand Encamp-

ment, in the manner prescribed by their several constitutions and rules, or as may be duly returned in the like manner by any of the said Lodges or Encampments to be members of the said Grand Chapter.

11. That, forthwith upon the receipt of the M. W. Grand Master of this jurisdiction of a charter from the R. W. Grand Lodge, of the U. S., in compliance with the application of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment thereof; and whether such charter purport to recognize the Independent jurisdiction of British North America, as vested in a Grand Chapter, or in a body bearing any other title; it shall be the duty of that officer to cause official notice of the fact to be given by the R.W. Grand Secretary to the M. W. Grand Patriarch of the Grand Encampment of Canada, also to the several Lodges within this jurisdiction, and the present charter of this Grand Lodge shall thereupon be held to be, and shall be, to all intents and purposes surrendered, and such new charter adopted in lieu thereof; and that until such time as other provision shall be made in that behalf by the Grand Chapter, the present seal of this Grand Lodge shall be the temporary seal of the Grand Chapter, and the Officers and Committees of this Grand Lodge shall be held to be, and shall be, the Officers and Committees of the said Grand Chapter, and shall act in their respective capacities as though no such change of charter had taken place—the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master, however, at once assuming the style of Grand Sire and Deputy Grand Sire; and that it shall further be the special duty of the Committee for the supervision of laws of Subordinate Lodges to prepare a draft of a Constitution for the said Grand Chapter; and of forms of Constitution or other general regulations for the guidance of Subordinate Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments; and to report the same for the consideration of the said Grand Chapter at its first session.

12. That the first session of the said Grand Chapter, constituted as aforesaid, be held in the Odd Fellows' hall in the city of Montreal on such day as the M.W. Grand Sire may appoint, the same being not less than six nor more than twelve weeks after the date of his receipt of the new charter as aforesaid; and it shall be the duty of the said M. W. Grand Sire to cause a written or printed notice stating the day so appointed to be duly despatched by the R. W. Grand Secretary not less than six weeks before such day to the R. W. Grand Patriarch of the Grand Encampment of Canada, and also to the several lodges within this jurisdiction.

13. That, until such time as other provision shall have been made in that behalf by the said Grand Chapter, the same shall be held to act under the Constitution of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, with the exception of the second, tenth, eleventh, fifteenth and seventeenth articles thereof, and subject to the necessary changes of the preamble and first article, and to such modification of the third and sixth articles as shall devolve the duties of Grand Secretary on one person only, and likewise under the several By-laws, Rules of Order and other Regulations of the said R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, so far as the same may admit of being applied for the guidance of the Grand Chapter.

These resolutions, as will be seen, were so carefully prepared as to make full and complete provision for a transfer of authority to a Sovereign Grand Lodge without expense or confusion. The consideration that the subject had previously received from the brethren had already prepared their minds for the reception of this report, and the resolutions were adopted unanimously. The Grand Secretary was ordered to forward a copy to the G. L. U. S., and the Grand Representative to support theirs when they come before that body, and as they were sustained by the Supreme Grand Lodge at its next session in all except the proposed title. The Grand Lodge of Canada was quietly transformed into the Grand Lodge of British North America, and ceased to have a separate and distinct existence.

In the above resolution, it may be noticed, reference is made to the

"Grand Encampment of Ontario." While the Grand Lodge had been preparing the way for important constitutional changes, the Patriarchs had not been idle. With four encampments in the Province, and with the enthusiasm at a white heat, it was not likely they would long be content to occupy a subordinate position under the G. L. U. S. Apart from this, however, when the subject of independence was under consideration it was thought that the application for a charter for a sovereign Grand Lodge would come with greater force if presented by a Grand Encampment as well as a Grand Lodge. For these reasons, at a meeting of P. C. P.'s and P. H. P.'s held August 19th, it was decided to send a petition to Grand Sire Sherlock for a dispensation to open a Grand Encampment. The request was granted, and the necessary authority sent to D. D. G. Sewell, of Quebec, who summoned the encampments to meet in Montreal on the 3rd September.

In obedience to the call the following subordinates appeared by their representatives . and were duly organized into a Grand Encampment :

Hochelaga No. 1.—Geo. Matthews, P. C. P.; H. H. Whitney, P. C. P.

Stadacona No. 2.—J. R. Healey, P. H. P.

Royal Mount No. 3.—Thos. Hardie, P. C. P., R. H. Hamilton, P. C. P., W. Hilton, P. C. P. and C. Dunkin, P. H. P.

The election of officers resulted in the choice of the following brethren, who were duly installed :

Geo. Matthews,—No. 1, Grand Patriarch.
J. R. Healey,—No. 2, Grand High Priest.
R. H. Hamilton,—No. 3, Grand Senior Warden.
W. Hilton,—No. 3, Grand Scribe.
H. H. Whitney,—No. 1, Grand Treasurer
J. M. Gilbert,—No. 3, Grand Junior Warden.
C. Dunkin,—No. 3, Grand Representative.

The following representatives were admitted from the Subordinate encampments :

Hockelaga, No. 1.—J. Dyde, W. Lache, Geo. P. Dickson.
Stadacona, No. 2.—A. Joseph, J. McLean, P. Seseur.
*Royal Mount Oo.*3.—H. E. Montgomerie, L. H. Holton.
St. Louis No. 4,—James Sewell, P. Sheppard, S. Hall.

The subject of independence was the principal matter that occupied the attention of the Grand Encampment. It was referred to a

committee consisting of Representatives Dunkin, Healey, Montgomerie, McLaren and Sewell, whose report was already prepared. It was presented to the Encampment in the same shape as in the Grand Lodge, and was promptly adopted.

The patriarchs did not,however, confine themselves to preparing for independence, but took prompt action with a view to introducing the Order into Canada West. A motion was adopted on the 3rd September, authorizing the Grand Patriarch, during the recess, to commission any patriarch or patriarchs he might think fit to constitute encampments and instruct brothers in the patriarchal degrees in any part of Canada. This resolution first bore fruit in Toronto, the capital of the Western Province. To this city a delegation was sent, with Bro.H.E.Montgomerie at its head and WELLINGTON ENCAMPMENT No.5 was instituted in the latter part of September. Following this, on the 24th of October, MOUNT HEBRON, No. 6, was instituted in Peterboro, by Bros. J. Dyde, of Montreal and S. Wright of Quebec.

When the news reached Canada that the G. L. U. S. had granted a charter for the Sovereign Grand Lodge of B. N. A., the Grand Encampment met in session, and on the 30th October surrendered its charter, and was merged into the new organization, after a brief existence of eight weeks.

In detailing the preliminary arrangements with a view to the establishment of the Grand Lodge of British North America, reference has only been made to the movements of the Canadian Brethren. But there was another whose consent to the proposed arrangements was necessary. The G. L. U. S. met in Baltimore on the 21st of September; and on the forenoon of the first day of the session the application and resolutions from Canada were presented and referred to a special Committee, consisting of Representatives H. R. Kneas, of Pennsylvania, E. C. Robinson, of Virginia, R. H. Griffin, of Georgia, Charles Thomas of Ohio, and N. A. Thompson, of Massachusetts.

On Thursday following, the Commiittee presented this favorable report :*

"That after a full consideration of the subject with which they were charged, they are of opinion that it would conduce to the prosperity of Odd-Fellowship in foreign countries to relieve Grand Lodges therein located of that dependence which Grand Lodges within the territorial limits of these United States must of necessity ever feel. Marked as every nation is by its own peculiar form of government and system of laws and customs, whose influences, branching through the entire body of the people living under them,are of course believed to be promotive of, if not necessary to, the general interests, and indispensable to the per-

*Journal G. L. U. S., vol. 1, p. 932.

suit of happiness, it is but reasonable to suppose that a Grand Lodge located in a foreign country would, in matters of local regulation, and in the various details of well-recognized and established ceremonies, encounter embarrassments calculated to retard its operations, weaken its energies and ultimately bring about decay. Differing as nations do, as well in their policy as in their institutions, it might be that a distrustfulness of an association like ours would be enkindled within some of them, unless to each there were confided an independent controlling power within its limits. And although the blessings of our Order are even now to a considerable extent felt beyond the borders of the United States; and upon foreign soil there are already erected many beautiful temples dedicated to the principles of our Brotherhood; yet this success was not easily acquired, and may be ascribed to the indomitable spirit, the unbending determination, and the unfaltering industry of the meritorious brethren who were charged with the pleasing duty of extending our principles; and who toiled on in the bright, the cheering hope—the earnest expectation—that the Grand Lodge of the United States, whose object is the wide and effective diffusion of the blessings of our Order, would not forget that object in the contemplation of her present strength and authority; therefore be it.

"*Resolved*,—That the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Canada are hereby united and erected into a distinct sovereignty, by the name and title of 'The Grand Lodge of British North America,' and with power in all matters relating to Odd-Fellowship within British North America, independent of this Grand Lodge, except in the following respects:

"1. That the said Grand Lodge of British North America shall not at any time hereafter in anywise alter or repudiate any of the signs, tokens, passwords, lectures or charges, or any part or portion of either the written or unwritten work of the Order, as known or practised within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

"2. That this Grand Lodge reserves to itself the right to give to the said Grand Lodge of British North America the annual Travelling Password to be used within the jurisdiction of the said Grand Lodge of British North America; and both jurisdictions shall use the same Travelling Password.

"3. The qualifications for membership in the subordinate lodges within the jurisdiction of the said Grand Lodge of British North America shall be identical with those established for membership in subordinate lodges within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

"*Resolved*,—That a Charter in comformity herewith be prepared and duly authenticated, and its delivery confided to the M. W. Grand Sire and Grand Secretary."

The report received a full discussion, but the general sense of the Grand Lodge was favorable to granting the request of the Canadians. Father Wildey, the founder of the Order in America, and P. G. S. Kennedy, who had chartered the first Canadian lodge, were among the number who supported the application; and on the vote being taken the report of the Committee was adopted by a large majority. The yeas and nays were thus recorded.

YEAS.—Baldwin, Egan, Stewart (2 votes) of New York; Bayley, Ropes, Marley, of Maryland; Beardsley, Dist. of Columbia; DeSaussure, Seymour, of South Carolina; Drew, Parmenter, Ellison, Thompson, of Massachusetts; Dunkin, Whitney, Canada; Fosdick, of Louisiana; Garvin, Griffin, of Georgia; Greenwood, Judson, Miller, Connecticut; Hoit, Parker, Wells, of New Hampshire; Kellogg, of Michigan; McIntyre, of Delaware; McNairy, of Tennessee; Macrae, of N. Carolina; Marshall, Watson, (2 votes), of Kentucky; Neally (2 votes) Smith, of Maine; Page, Weld, Searfoss, New Jersey; Reid, Robinson, of Virginia; Solomon, of Alabama; Veitch, of Missouri;

White, Wood, of Rhode Island ; and P. G. S's. Wildey and Kennedy, —47.

NAYS.—Alsop, of Illinois ; Day, Glenn, Thomas, of Ohio ; Kneas, Paterson, (2 votes) Stokes, of Pennsylvania ; and P. G. S. Hopkins. —9.

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THE FIFTH YEAR—1847.

The transactions of the year 1847, opened with the assembling of the Grand Lodge of British North America in obedience to the proclamation of the Grand Sire. The document summoning the Fraternity to meet under the new Charter was stately and formal, as become the dignity of a Sovereign Jurisdiction and of its Chief Executive :

I. O. O. F.

WE, ROBERT HART HAMILTON, MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE OF THE INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD-FELLOWS, OF BRITISH NORTH AMERICA, AND THE JURISDICTION THEREUNTO BELONGING:

To all whom these presents may concern, in Friendship, Love and Truth, send greeting :

Whereas, by certain resolutions of the late Right Worthy Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Canada, passed on the 9th and 11th days of September last respectively, it was among other things in effect provided, that upon the granting by the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States, of a Charter for a Grand Lodge of British North America, to exercise sovereign and independent jurisdiction therein, in all matters relating to Odd-Fellowship, the first meeting of the said Grand Lodge of British North America, constituted as set forth in and by the said resolutions, should be held at Odd-Fellows' Hall, in the City of Montreal, and Province of Canada, on such day as We, the Most Worthy Grand Master should appoint and proclaim, in conformity with the said resolutions ;

And, whereas, the said Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States, on the 24th day of September last, did grant such a Charter as aforesaid ;

And, whereas, a duly authenticated copy of the said Charter was received by us, the Most Worthy Grand Sire, on the 29th day of October last, and became the Charter of the Order in British North America from that date, under the resolutions aforesaid, in lieu of the Charters of the late Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Canada, which were thereupon surrendered, as by reference to the resolutions and proceedings, in the premises of the said late Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Canada, and of the said Grand Lodge of the United States and to the circular letters addressed respectively by our direction and that of the Most Worthy Grand Patriarch of the said late Grand Encampment, on the 29th day of October, and the 5th day of November last, to the several lodges and encampments of the Order in British North America, may more fully appear ;

Now, therefore, know ye, that We, Robert Hart Hamilton, Most Worthy Grand Sire, as aforesaid, by virtue of the power and authority in us vested do order and direct that the said first meeting of the said R. W. Grand Lodge, of British North America, of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows, to be held at the Odd-Fellows Hall, in the City of Montreal and Province of Canada, as aforesaid, shall be there held on Tuesday, January 19th, which will be in the year of our Lord, one thousand, eight hundred and forty-seven, at or about the hour of three o'clock in the afternoon.

Of which all lodges and encampments of the Order throughout the jurisdiction of British North America, are hereby held and required to tak notice, and govern themselves accordingly.

{ L. S. } In witness whereof, We have hereunto set Our Hand, and caused the temporary seal of the Grand Lodge of B. N. A. of the I. O. O. F. to be affixed, at the City of Montreal, in the Province of Canada, this twenty-eighth day of November, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and forty-six, and of our Order in British North America the fourth.

J. CUSHING, *Grand Secretary.* R. H. HAMILTON, *Grand Sire.*

As had been provided by the resolutions adopted by the Grand Lodge of Ganada, the new Sovereign Grand Lodge was simply the old body under a new name, and with increased powers, and the offices were filled by same brethren with the difference only of their titles. At the opening of the session on the 19th of January, there were present:

R. H. HAMILTON, Grand Sire.

E. L. MONTIZAMBERT, Deputy Grand Sire.

J. CUSHING, Grand Secretary.

J. HOLLAND, Grand Chaplain.

W. HILTON, Grand Conductor.

R. COOKE, Grand Guardian.

Representatives W. M. B. Hartley, H. H. Whitney, M. H. Seymour, J. C. Chase, D. Mackay, George Matthews, C. Dunkin.

At a latter stage of the proceedings when the Grand Lodge had been properly organized, the following additional Representatives were admitted:

Prince of Wales No. 1,—Andrew Wilson and ——Jackson.

Queen's No. 2,—W. Sache.

Prince Albert No. 3,—Wm. Hardie, C. Wheeler, D. Tilton and C. P. Ladd.

Albion No. 4,—J. McLaren.

Commercial No. 5,—J. M. Ferries.

Victoria No. 6,—D. Ross.

Canada No. 8,—James Gibson.

Cataracqui No. 10,—J. A. Glassford.

Tecumseh No. 15,—S. B. Campbell.

St. Francis No. 18,—J. D. Pringle.

As soon as the Grand Lodge had been formally opened, the new Charter was presented and read. This was the first instrument of the kind ever issued by the G. L. U. S., and was in form as under:

I. O. O. F.

WE, THE MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE, RIGHT WORTHY DEPUTY GRAND SIRE, OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF THE INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD-FELLOWS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND THE JURISDICTION THERETO BELONGING :

To all whom it may concern, in Friendship, Love and Truth, send greeting :—

Know ye, that by virtue of the power and authority in us vested, we do hereby authorize the union of the Grand Lodge of the Province of Canada, and the Grand Encampment of the Province of Canada, and the erection of the same into a distinct and independent sovereignty, to be known by the name, style, and title of THE GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH NORTH AMERICA ; and with full power to conduct and control the business of Odd-Fellowship and all matters and things relating thereto in British North America, without the interference of any other country, so long as the same be administered according to the principles and purity of Odd-Fellowship. Provided nevertheless, that the said THE GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH NORTH AMERICA shall be subject to the following restrictions, namely :

FIRSTLY,—That the said THE GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH NORTH AMERICA, shall not at any time hereafter in anywise alter or repudiate any of the signs, grips, tokens, passwords, lectures or charges, or any other part or portion of the written or unwritten work of the Order, as known and practiced within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows.

SECONDLY,—That the Grand Lodge of the United States of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows reserves to itself the right to give to the said THE GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH NORTH AMERICA, the annual travelling password to be used within the jurisdiction of the said THE GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH NORTH AMERICA ; and both jurisdictions shall use the same travelling password.

THIRDLY,—That the qualifications for membership in the subordinate lodges within the jurisdiction of the said THE GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH NORTH AMERICA shall be identical with those established for membership in subordinate lodges within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows.

{ L. S. } Given under the hand of the Most Worthy Grand Sire, and the seal of the said Grand Lodge of the United States of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows, this twenty-fourth day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-six.

JAMES L. RIDGLEY, G. R. & C. Sec. ALBERT CASE, Dep. G. Sire. THOS. SHERLOCK, Grand Sire.

For the first time in the records of the Order in Canada, we are able to find something in the shape of a Grand Officer's Address. After the new Charter had been read the Grand Sire rose and said, in effect : *

" In accordance with the eleventh of a series of resolutions adopted by the late R. W. Grand Lodge of this Province on the 9th of September last, the high honor has devolved upon me of presiding over your deliberations as your Grand Sire.

" In offering you my congratulations upon this our first meeting as an Independent Tribunal, I feel much pleasure in recording the high sense which I entertain of the cordial and liberal spirit in which your wishes have been agreed to by the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, in granting you an independent Charter.

" To a Committee of the R. W. Body from which it has emanated

*Odd-Fellows' Record, January 1847, p. 18.

is due the credit of having taken the initiative in recommending, so far back as in the year 1844, that foreign Grand Lodges be deemed Independent Bodies, couched in terms which do them infinite honor. But in meeding what is justly due to others, I must not forget to award merit to those to whom it is equally due. To our worthy and respected Representatives, Brothers Dunkin and Whitney, we are altogether indebted for the early accomplishment of our wishes, in having successfully combatted some constitutional objections which would otherwise have retarded that accomplishment; and without their aid I feel assured that we would not now have been sitting here as an Independent Tribunal.

"The friendly, yielding and conciliatory spirit in which their representations were received and acted upon, and the paternal and hospitable reception which they met with from the brotherhood, afford a happy illustration of the beauties of our beloved Order.

"The Charter which has just been read to you, whilst it conveys to us the power of establishing independent branches throughout the British North American Provinces, wisely preserves the land marks of the Order, and provides for the continuance of our fraternal relations with the Order in the United States; and I am sure that I am but expressing the sentiments which animate the Brotherhood generally in this Province, in wishing that our intercourse may always remain in uninterrupted harmony, and that the spread of the tree may strengthen the parent.

"I have already intimated to you the reasons which precluded me from presenting any detailed report; but I am happy to announce to you that our Order is in a prosperous condition, and is receiving a steady and healthy increase—the several lodges appearing to exercise judicious discrimination in the admission of members.

"The R. W. Grand Encampment having ceased to exist, upon the acceptance of our present Charter, in virtue of the eleventh of a series of resolutions by that R. W Body in September last, I deemed it necessary to issue commissions appointing two of the D. D. Grand Masters who held office under the former Grand Lodge of this Province. D, D. Grand Sires for their respective Districts, viz.:—For the District of Quebec, Bro. Peter Sheppard; and for the District of St. Francis, Bro. J. C. Chase. And I may add my conviction that two more zealous or more acceptable brothers to the Order generally, could not have been nominated.

"I have further issued a commission appointing C. P., S. B. Campbell, D. D. Grand Sire for the Home District—a worthy brother who is justly eminent for his untiring zeal and assiduity in promoting the best interests of the Order. Having received an application from Belleville, C. W., for a dispensation to open an Encampment, I have issued a commission authorizing two esteemed Brothers of that branch of the Order, C. P. Conger and H. P. Taylor, of Mount Hebron, No. 6, Peterboro, to act in the premises. As the documents connected therewith will now be submitted to you, I need not enter into further particulars.

"An application will also be submitted to you for permission to establish an Encampment at Rock Island, Stanstead, C. E., which will no doubt meet with your ready concurrence.

"Many other objects of interest will likewise be submitted to you

for your consideration and legislative action, upon which it is unnecessary for me to dilate at present, feeling assured that they will severally receive from you all the attention which their importance requires; and that your deliberations thereon will be conducted with the single purpose of promoting and advancing the best interests of our beloved Order."

By the resolutions providing for the new order of things it had been arranged that the Committee on supervision of Laws should draft a Constitution for Grand and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments. This Committee, through its chairman, Bro. C. Dunkin, now presented a code of laws, or as they modestly term it, a series of "Resolutions," which they wished to have submitted to the Committee on the State of the Order for consideration. It was so submitted; but as the Committee on the State of the Order, when appointed consisted of Reps. Dunkin, Holland and Whitney, while the Committee which drew up the code consisted of Reps. Dunkin, Holland and Renaud, it does not appear that anything was gained by the movement. The code was, in fact, the work of Bro. Dunkin, whose study of the laws of Odd-Fellowship, combined with his general legal training, well qualified him for the work.

In the succeeding days of the Session the Grand Lodge in Committee of the Whole, thoroughly discussed the entire matter, and adopted the code with but few amendments.

The laws thus confirmed provided for four Subordinate Grand Lodge jurisdictions, as under:

Montreal,—Comprising the Electoral Districts of Montreal and St. Francis.

Quebec,—Gaspe, Three Rivers and Quebec.

Kingston,—Eastern, Ottawa, Johnstown, Bathurst, Dalhousie, Midland, Prince Edward and Victoria.

Toronto,—Newcastle, Colborne, Home, Simcoe, Gore, Wellington, Niagara, Talbot, Brock, London, Western and Huron.

The entire Jurisdiction to form one Grand Encampment, which should assume both the liabilities and assets of the old Grand Encampment of Canada.

On petition of the Subordinate Lodges in any of these districts the Grand Sire was empowered to issue a charter for the formation of a Grand Lodge.

The Subordinate Grand Bodies were given the general charge of the Order in their several Jurisdictions, with power to charter new Lodges and Camps, subject to the approval of the Grand Sire; all charters to bear the Seal of the Grand Lodge of British North America.

The qualifications of the officers were high. Every G. M., D. G. M., G. W. and G. S. of a Grand Lodge were required to have all the P.

O. Degrees. The G. M. and D. G. M., were required also to have the R. P. Degree, and be in good standing in an encampment. The G. P., G. H. P., G. S. W. and G. S. of the Grand Encampment were to be P. G's in good standing and have the P. O. Degrees. They held office for one year.

Meetings of the Grand Lodges were to be held quarterly, on the last Tuesday in January, April, July and October, and of the Grand Encampment semi-annually on the last Tuesday in March and September.

The Grand Lodge of British North America, under the new Constitution, consisted of its officers, a Prudential Committee of five, who were elected by ballot, and as many Representatives as the Subordinates might see fit to send, not exceeding ten from each, who were to have the R. P. Degree. In the event of there being no Grand Lodge in any Subordinate Jurisdiction, the P. G's therein were to elect their Representatives.

In electing representatives proxy votes might be received from P. G's residing more than ten miles from the place of meeting.

The Q. P. W. was to be selected by the Grand Sire and to be uniform throughout British North America.

Term of office in Subordinate Lodges to be quarterly; in Degree Lodges and Encampments, semi-annual.

The revenue of Subordinate Jurisdictions was to be derived from the following sources:

For a charter for Lodge or Camp, $30.00; for dispensations, each 75 cents, for cards, each, 15 cents; and 10 per cent. of the receipts of all Subordinates, excepting the payments to the Widows' and Orphans' Fund.

The Grand Lodge of British North America, for its revenue, charged the Subordinate Jurisdictions the following fees:

Charters for Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment, $50; for every charter issued to a Subordinate, $5; for every dispensation for any purpose, 50 cents; for cards,, 10 cents; and 20 per cent. of the 10 per cent. received by the Grand Lodges and Encampment. Books, forms etc., were also to be made a source of revenue, at prices to be subsequently fixed.

In this connection it may be mentioned that the fees and dues of Subordinates Lodges averaged about: Initiation, $10 up to 45 years; after that age, $2 per year additional; admission by card, $5; Degrees, $1 each; dues, $1.75 per quarter—the 75 cents being for the Widows' and Orphans' Fund.

Sick benefits, $5 per week; funeral benefit, $40; funeral benefit for a wife, $30; for a child, $20; Widow's annuity, $50.

The Grand Lodge met on the 19th, and remained in Session until the 25th, adjourning from day to day, and meeting in the afternoon and evening. The time was devoted mainly to the consideration of the laws and regulations proposed for the government of the Order, which were exhaustively discussed. Some questions and appeals from Subordinates were presented and settled; returns examined; and routine business dispatched. The Grand Secretary was voted a salary of $240; and Bro. Andrew Wilson subsequently Grand Secretary, was chosen printer to the Grand Lodge.

A petition was presented at this Session from Joseph C. Chase and others, for a Charter to open an Encampment at Rock Island, Stanstead, C. E., which was granted; and TOMIFOBI ENCAMPMENT, No. 7, was instituted in accordance therewith, on the 30th of March following.

Before adjourning, the Grand Lodge elected its Prudential Committee, consisting of Bros. Dunkin, Whitney, Montizambert, Dyde and Rodden, who were instructed to draw up a Constitution for next Session.

Under its new form of government the Order gave evident signs of progress in new additions, both to the membership and the lodges. Belleville, the seat of an active and flourishing Lodge, could not remain long without erecting a tent for the shelter of the patriarchs; and so we find MOIRA ENCAMPMENT, No. 8, instituted in that town on the 25th of February.

Further West, also, the Order was flourishing. In Toronto, the membership now exceeded 100; and it was thought time to establish a second lodge. On the 18th March, HOME LODGE, No. 21, was instituted. Its Charter members were John Hillyard Cameron, a member of the Canadian Government, who was chosen first N. G.; Geo. P. Dickson, one of the "missionary deputation" who had removed from Montreal to Toronto, the year previous; Quartus Quaife, Arthur McDonald, John Maulson, James George and Thos. G. Fuller.

A few days after, on the 29th March, PHŒNIX No. 22 was opened in Oshawa, having for Charter members S. B. Fairbanks, E. Skae, D. Macdonald, Luther H. Cronk, and Wm. Bettes.

The Grand Encampment of Canada having been merged into the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and provision having been made for a District Grand Encampment of Canada, this body was organized by the Grand Sire on the 22nd of July with the following officers:

H. H. WHITNEY, Grand Patriarch.
WM. HILTON, Grand High Priest.
S. B. CAMPBELL, Grand Senior Warden.
JNO. IRVING, Grand Scribe.
H. E. MONTGOMERIE, Grand Treasurer.
JOSEPH C. CHASE, Grand Junior Warden.

Tuesday the 17th August, was the day appointed for the Annual Session of the Grand Lodge. No Subordinate Grand Lodge had been chartered, so that in each district the representatives had to be chosen by the Past Grands assembled in Convention at the call of the Deputies. The only organized body subordinate to the Grand Lodge was the Grand Encampment.

When the Grand Lodge opened all the Officers were present, and a fair proportion of the Representatives who had been chosen. They were :

Quebec District,—A. Joseph, J. McLaren and S. Wright.

Montreal District,—A. Wilson, W. Sache, W. A. Liddell, J. Gibson, A. H. David, J. C. Chase, W. Ewan, George Matthews, J. Smith.

Kingston District,—J. Wright, John Rhynas, J. D. Pringle.

Toronto District,—S. B. Campbell, S. B. Fairbanks.

Grand Encampment,—C. Dunkin, J. Irvine, J. M. Gilbert and J. Dyde.

After the formal opening of the Grand Lodge, the reception of Representatives, and the appointment of Committees, the Grand Sire presented his Address :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of British North America of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows.

BRETHREN,—I have much pleasure in meeting, in Annual Session, the Representatives from the various Lodges and Encampments comprising the Grand Lodge of British North America, convened in accordance with the Legislative Provisions adopted at its first session in January last.

It is usual for the Grand Sire on such occasions to make communication of the proceedings which he has adopted in relation to the matters committed to his charge during the recess, to review the present condition of the Order, and at the same time to submit for consideration such matters as may be deemed conducive to its future welfare.

It affords me pleasure to be able to congratulate you on the general prosperity of the Order, which is receiving a steady and healthy increase, as will appear by the documents which will be presented to you.

By the 10th Legislative Provision of this Grand Lodge, adopted at its last session, it was made the duty of the Grand Sire to appoint Dis-

trict Deputy Grand Sires for the respective Districts; and, in conformity therewith, I issued commissions appointing P. G., Peter Sheppard, for the Quebec District; P. G., E. Murney, for the Kingston District; P. G., S. B. Campbell, for the Toronto District; whose previous valuable services eminently entitled them to that honorable distinction. The reports of these several officers will be laid before you, showing the manner in which they have performed the various duties devolving upon them under the Legislative Provisions and otherwise, and which I have no doubt will sustain the high reputation which they have already acquired as efficient officers and zealous members of the Order.

I also deemed it advisable that the Grand Lodge should continue to be represented in the District of St. Francis, and consequently, issued a new commission to D. D. Grand Sire Chase, continuing him in that office—a Brother who deservedly enjoys the marked approbation of the Order in that vicinity, for his indefatigable zeal in promoting its best interests, in any capacity in which his services were needed or could be made useful.

The several subordinate Lodges in the respective Districts not having in any District severally petitioned for the erection of a District Grand Lodge in accordance with the 2nd of the Legislative Provisions, elections have taken place, in each District, of Representatives to this R. W. Body, in conformity with the 16th and 17th of the said Legislative Provisions, particulars of which will be laid before you.

In compliance with the 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th of the Legislative Provisions already referred to, I issued a charter for the constituting of a Grand Encampment of Canada. which was duly established in this city, on the 22nd of July last, under the most favorable auspices.

I stated in my address in January last, that I had issued the necessary documents authorizing two esteemed Brothers of the Patriarchal Branch, C. P. Conger, and H. P. Taylor, to open an Encampment at Belleville, which duty you will perceive by their Report, which will be laid before you, they satisfactorily performed; and Moira Encampment, No. 8, was constituted in that place, on the 25th February last, under the most encouraging circumstances. The occasion chosen for constituting this Encampment was most opportunely fixed upon the day set apart for celebrating the opening of a new and elegant Hall, built for the use of the Order, in which the worthy Patriarchs, to whom the duty of opening and constituting the Encampment had been confided, participated, and H. P. Taylor delivered an eloquent and suitable address upon the occasion; and the whole proceedings reflect much credit upon all parties concerned. While upon this subject, I may add that celebrations of an equally gratifying nature have taken place at Quebec, Stanstead, and Cobourg, which cannot fail to have been attended with advantage to the Order in developing its principles.

At the last session of your R. W. Body, the petition from certain members of Oriental Lodge, No. 7, for an Encampment to be established at Rock Island, Stanstead, was acceded to, and in pursuance therewith, the requisite documents were furnished to D. D. G. Sire J. C. Chase, by whose report it will be perceived, that he opened and constituted Tomifobi Encampment, No. 7, at that place, on the 30th March last; and if we may judge from the steady and healthy progress which the other branch of the Order has made in that vicinity, we may confidently rely upon similar success attending the Patriarchal branch.

Applications having been made in due form, through D. D. G. Sire S. B. Campbell, for Dispensations, to authorize the establishment of two new Lodges in the Toronto District confided to his charge, they were transmitted to him accordingly, and you will observe by the report of that intelligent and indefatigable officer, that he opened and constituted Home Lodge, No. 22, at Toronto, on the 18th March last; Phœnix Lodge, No. 22, at Oshawa, on the 29th of the same month, under the most favorable prospects.

It is with much gratification that I am able to intimate to you that an anxious desire to participate in the benefits of our Order seems to exist in the Lower Provinces under this jurisdiction. This feeling has been expressed in Nova Scotia, by communications to the public prints, but not, as yet, in a shape sufficiently tangible to enable us to take action theron. A letter, addressed to P. G. Dunkin, from the city of St. Johns, New Brunswick, requesting information as to the proper mode of establishing a Lodge of our Order in that place, was handed to me in the beginning of July by that worthy and esteemed Brother. I have caused a reply to be transmitted thereto, pointing out the steps necessary for the end in view, and promising every facility in aid thereof. To this letter no answer has yet been received; but I have little doubt that, when the period of our next Annual Session arrives, we shall be able to hail as Brethren the members of not a few Lodges in New Brunswick and the other Lower Provinces.

The disunited state of the Odd-Fellow Brotherhood throughout the world, has been a matter of serious regret to all true Odd-Fellows, and has, during the course of last year, engaged the attention of several zealous and efficient Lodges in this Province. The abrupt termination of the negotiations for a union entered into at Wigan, in the year 1842, between the Manchester Unity and the Grand Lodge of the United States, has been regarded with much concern by many members of the former Body itself; and you will, no doubt, be pleased to learn that steps have been taken by some of the Officers of that Fraternity to tender the olive branch of reconciliation to our Brethren of the United States. That this proposal, if carried out, would have been received by the Grand Lodge of the United States with the same friendship and conciliatory courtesy which we have ever experienced from that distinguished Body during our mutual intercourse, there is every reason to believe; and, should we succeed in arranging amicable terms of communion with any of the Associations of Odd-Fellows in Great Britain, I have as little doubt that these terms will be cordially acceded to by our Brethren in the United States.

The charge of endeavoring to establish friendly relations in Great Britain having been entrusted—indirectly, it is true—by the Grand Lodge of the United States, at its last session, to "the newly established Canadian Sovereignty in Odd-Fellowship," I took advantage of the sojourn in that country, during the last winter, of a member of our Order, distinguished for the indefatigable zeal and ability with which he has, upon many occasions, promoted its best interests—Brother H. E. Montgomerie, to entrust to him the duty of enquiring into the prospects of a reunion. The able and satisfactory Report of that much esteemed Brother, with the accompanying documents, will acquaint you with the particulars of his proceedings under that Commission.

Along with that Report, I was much pleased to receive copies of

the blank Diplomas, along with other Forms, in use by the Manchester Unity, together with several of the publications of that Body, which had been transmitted, through the hands of the Brother referred to, for presentation to this Grand Lodge. I trust that you will be enabled to carry out the intercourse, thus begun, to a prosperous issue, with the aid and concurrence of our Brethren of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and I now commend the subject to your most earnest consideration, deeply impressed with the importance of using every endeavor towards the great end of a firm and lasting union of the whole Fraternity of Odd-Fellows.

The duty of drafting a complete digest of such laws and regulations as may be deemed necessary for the government of the Order, having been assigned to the Prudential Committee, by the 21st article of the Legislative Provisions, I am relieved from the necessity of entering into any elaborate recommendations upon that head ; I, however deem the present a fitting occasion, when you are about deliberating upon the Constitutions to be granted to the District Grand and Subordinate Lodges, to offer for your consideration some suggestions which have been dictated to me by experience in my official capacity.

I believe that a feeling very generally prevails, that the establishment of District Grand Lodges would be attended with great advantages to the Order, and that its early accomplishment is highly desirable; it has, no doubt, been retarded in consequence of the 2nd Article of the Legislative Provisions, requiring all the Subordinate Lodges situate within the District to acquiesce in the erection of a Grand Lodge, before a Charter could be issued; which could not fail sooner or later, to create dissatisfaction, the smallest minority being thus vested with the power of controlling the wishes of the majority. I recommend this matter to your deliberate consideration, that such legislation may be had as will meet the wishes generally expressed in the respective Districts.

I invite your particular attention to the present constitution of Degree Lodges, as well as to the mode of conferring Degrees, with the view of insuring more uniformity in practice than at present prevails, and a more regular attendance of members—much and very general dissatisfaction having been expressed at the thin attendance as well as the great difficulty of obtaining the services of qualified Brothers to serve in the respective offices. The objects desired, I think, might be attained by rendering the service in Degree Lodges a qualification for the higher offices in the Order, and I submit whether the present system might not be improved by establishing in each Subordinate Lodge, situate, where no Degree Lodge exists, an additional Office of Degree Master, also conferring on that Officer eligibility for higher offices for services rendered in that capacity.

While upon the subject of according to Brothers, for services rendered, qualifications for the higher offices, which do not now exist, I deem it to be my duty to bring under your consideration the position of several members of the Order distinguished for their services in the higher offices, and for the zeal which they have manifested, but who are debarred by the present law from receiving the Secretary's Degree, in consequence of not having served in that office, and are thus laboring under a disability to attain the higher offices in the Order. In

several instances the brethren alluded to could not, under any circumstances, devote the time required for the due performance of the duties appertaining to the office of Secretary,—in some cases, in consequence of their professional avocations, and in others owing to their public engagements—but have rendered good service by the zealous discharge of their official duties and enjoy largely the confidence of their respective Lodges. It is submitted whether some official enactment might not be passed to afford relief to the members so circumstanced, making it requisite that the application should be made by their respective Lodges, who, it is to be presumed, are the best judges whether their services entitle them to receive it and thereby retaining that salutary principle that service alone should confer rank.

Much inconvenience has been felt, in newly constituted Lodges, from the difficulty experienced in finding duly qualified members to fill the chairs of the officers, during their absence from the place of meeting, it having frequently occurred that the two highest officers have been obliged to be absent at the same time, and the chairs have been occupied by their supporters. The circumstance is presented to your notice under a conviction that an enactment might be passed to remedy the inconvenience, confining its operation to newly constituted Lodges for a limited period.

I have no doubt that the subject of Contributions and Benefits will engage your serious attention with the view of deciding whether it would not be desirable to pass a law, requiring Lodges to proportion the one to the other, upon a well constituted scale, it being a matter involving the most important considerations upon the future well-being of the Order.

The present undefined and unsatisfactory state of the law, in all its bearings, with respect to the mode of preferring charges against members who have committed offences at variance with the principles of the Order, will, I trust, form a portion of your deliberations; in such case I would respectfully recommend the following as the most important points which, in my humble judgment, should engage your attention :

1. That the Brother preferring the charge, be required to give such a specification thereof, that the accused may be prepared to meet it, and the Lodge be able, *in limine*, to judge whether it be of a frivolous nature, or otherwise not cognizable by a Lodge, and thereby save the accused Brother the mortification of being cited to appear before a Committee, to answer charges of an untenable and frivolous nature.

2. To adopt regulations as to the mode to be observed by Committees, in investigating charges, and the trial of Brethren thereon.

3. To define the cases, and under what circumstances, appeals shall be permitted to be taken from the decision of Committees to Lodges, and from Lodges to the higher Tribunals of the Order ; as well as to regulate the method to be observed in conducting and hearing appeals, so that a uniform system may be followed throughout this jurisdiction.

The present system has been found to create vexatious delays and consequent disunion, to prevent which by every possible means, as being incompatible with our principles, should be our constant study.

The Grand Secretary will lay before you an account of the fiscal transactions of this Lodge, as well as the several Reports, Communications, and other Documents received during the recess.

The important duties devolving upon the D. D. Grand Sires, renders it highly necessary that their authority should be held in respect, and nothing could be more conducive to that desirable object than to have their powers clearly defined ; I therefore recommend that matter also to your consideration.

The appointment of a Grand Committee, composed of Officers of the Grand Lodge, to aid in the details of the Executive Business of the Order, during the recess, has been attended with the most beneficial results, in many instances, in the United States; and I therefore deem the subject worthy of your consideration, feeling confident that the introduction of a similar system here would be attended with like advantages.

Having noticed such subjects as I deemed necessary to bring prominently under your consideration, I will, in conclusion, submit for your deliberation whether it would not be advisable to make provision for the holding a Special Session early in the ensuing year, to make permanent enactments for the future government of the Order; at which period a large attendance of Representatives may be relied upon; the wishes of the Brotherhood will be better known, with respect to many matters which are not by any means at present well understood ; and we shall be aided in our legislation by the valuable forthcoming Digest of the Laws of the Order, which, it is understood, will be presented to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States at its next Session.

R. H. Hamilton,
Grand Sire.

The Grand Secretary had compiled the following table of the operations of the Order. The returns from the lodges are not complete ; and two lodges are not reported at all—Prince Albert, No. 3, and Ottawa, No. 20. They were both alive and active ; but their secretaries must have failed to forward the returns. These two would add at least 100 to the membership. The statistics of Victoria Degree Lodge are not given. The Lodge was not in good working order ; and during this session the Grand Lodge recalled its Charter, and ordered each subordinate to elect a D. M., and confer its own Degrees.

RETURN OF SUBORDINATES FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1847.

No.	LODGE.	LOCATION.	Initiations.	Rejections.	Admitted by Card.	Withdrawn by Card.	Suspended.	Reinstated.	Expelled.	Died.	Past Grands.	Contributing members.	Revenue. £ s. d.	Brothers relieved.	Widowed families relieved.	Brothers buried.	Brothers' wives buried.	Paid for relief of Brothers. £ s. d.	Relief of widowed families. £ s. d.	Education of Orphans. £ s. d.	Burying the Dead. £ s. d.	Total Relief. £ s. d.
1	Prince of Wales.	Montreal	22	3	1	3	10	..	1	2	12	136	188 5 7	11	..	2	1	23 15 2	.....	.....	16 16 1	40 11 3
2	Queen's	"	19	2	2	23	1	..	..	2	15	241	459 17 9	18	2	1	1	50 5 0	33 2 6	.....	12 10 0	95 17 6
3	Prince Albert	St. Johns	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
4	Albion	Quebec	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	274	.....	25	3	..	..	86 6 3	17 0 0	15 0 0	7 10 0	126 6 3
5	Commercial	Montreal	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	303	.....	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
6	Victoria	Belleville	26	3	1	5	6	..	..	2	7	122	.....	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
7	Oriental	Stanstead	22	6	..	..	1	..	..	..	7	84	177 11 3	10	..	..	1	43 0 0	.....	.....	7 10 0	50 10 0
8	Canada	Montreal	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	46	.....	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
9	Brock	Brockville	19	5	..	5	..	..	..	..	4	49	49 0 0	5	..	..	..	13 10 0	.....	.....	.....	13 10 0
10	Cataraqui	Kingston	39	5	4	4	1	..	..	1	5	70	235 14 6	3	..	1	..	3 0 0	.....	.....	.....	3 0 0
11	Prince Edward	Picton	63	10	..	4	1	..	1	1	4	117	307 0 1½	17	1	1	1	21 8 9	3 2 6	.....	11 5 0	35 16 3
12	Ontario	Cobourg	25	4	2	10	2	1	..	..	4	74	232 16 2	3	..	..	..	4 0 0	.....	.....	.....	4 0 0
13	Otonabee	Peterboro'	81	7	6	2	2	..	..	1	6	133	123 0 0	..	1	1	..	.....	7 10 0	.....	12 10 0	20 0 0
14	Hope	Port Hope	23	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	5	62	.....	3	..	..	..	2 10 0	.....	.....	.....	2 10 0
15	Tecumseh	Toronto	76	4	8	20	..	..	..	1	6	133	457 12 8	10	..	1	2	24 15 0	.....	.....	27 10 0	52 5 0
16	Union	St. Catharines	74	3	2	2	1	..	1	..	4	75	340 12 11½	1	..	..	1	2 9 3	.....	.....	3 15 0	6 4 3
17	Burlington	Hamilton	28	3	3	2	..	..	..	..	4	72	196 6 7	3	..	..	..	15 10 0	.....	.....	.....	15 10 0
18	St. Francis	Cornwall	31	5	..	..	1	..	..	..	5	82	211 1 9	9	..	..	1	13 10 0	.....	.....	3 15 0	17 5 0
19	Mercantile	Quebec	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	152	.....	10	..	..	..	50 15 0	.....	.....	.....	50 15 0
20	Ottawa	Bytown	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
21	Home	Toronto	15	2	3	1	..	..	..	..	2	30	45 0 0	1	..	..	..	3 15 0	.....	.....	.....	3 15 0
22	Phœnix	Oshawa	20	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	25	62 10 0	1	..	..	..	4 0 0	.....	.....	.....	4 0 0
			583	65	32	84	26	1	3	10	113	2233	3086 9 4	130	7	7	8	362 9 5	60 15 0	15 0 0	103 1 1	541 15 6

A statement was also made of the financial transactions of the Grand Lodge from its institution in 1845 up to date, which may thus be summarized, and will give an idea of how the Grand Lodge managed money matters.

RECEIPTS.

	£.	s.	d.
Borrowed money	207	10	0
Cards, etc.	31	11	8
On account of expenses of deputation	68	8	0
Charters	135	0	0
Dues from Subordinates,	1002	1	11
Rents	470	6	0
	1914	17	7

DISBURSEMENTS.

	£.	s.	d.
Charter	7	10	0
Cards, Rituals, etc	60	1	7
Janitor of Hall,	97	0	0
Furniture, etc.,	593	10	5
Rent,	653	8	1
Expenses of Deputation to C. W.,	77	0	0
Rev. A. Case's expenses—instituting G. L.,	29	17	6
Postage,	15	19	7
Engraving, printing and advertising,	50	13	6
Blank books and stationery,	12	12	9
Loss on celebration	22	17	7
Grand Secretary,	99	18	4
Representative tax	10	0	0
Representative's expenses,	20	0	0
Architect's acct.,	1	5	0
P. G. Hardie, for services,	15	0	0
Odd-Fellows Record,	7	0	0
Insurance,	1	5	0
Fuel,	22	19	5
Gas,	49	8	10
Interest,	12	0	0
Cash on hand,	56	10	0
	1914	17	7

The Grand Lodge continued in session from the 17th to the 21st. Several of the matters referred to in the Grand Sire's address, such as the opening of negotiations with the M. U. in England, the devising of a proper system of dues and benefits, and others, were discussed; but no definite action reached. With regard to dues, it had been suggested that they should be on a graduated scale according to age at the time of admission; and this plan was advocated especially by Bro. Dunkin, who was very anxious to have the benefit system of the Order established on a sound basis. But most of the members were indifferent; many had no intention of ever availing themselves of the benefits of which they did not stand in need; and the whole subject was left for the Provincial Grand Lodges to consider, after they were instituted.

The Prudential Committee presented a draft of a Constitution,

By-laws and Rules of Order, which was thoroughly discussed, and after some amendments adopted. The organization and work of the Institution was not materially altered by the new code. The Constitution in its general outlines resembled somewhat that of the G. L. U. S., but its preamble, as a "platform" of Odd-Fellowship in Canada is worth preserving:

"Whereas, there has long existed in various forms and in different countries an institution now known by the name of Odd-Fellowship, being a voluntary association of men of mature years and good character, for the laudable purpose of encouraging each other in the practice of the several virtues and providing to a certain extent in the season of health and prosperity against the possible loss of these precarious advantages; and whereas the said institution is not only well adapted for the above purposes, but is also eminently calculated to promote the improvement and happiness of the human race by inculcating and enforcing the great lesson of universal brotherhood by affording opportunities for men of different countries, classes, creeds and parties to meet together on a footing of perfect equality, and unite with each other in the active discharge of kind offices towards their brethren and fellow creatures, and by mitigating the horrors of war and enhancing the blessings of peace between the different nations of the world; and whereas there has been organized in the Province of Canada a branch of the said institution, known as the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows of British North America, and the situation and circumstances of these Provinces and their inhabitants are such as to make it highly desirable that an institution of this kind should be established and perpetuated amongst them; therefore," etc., etc.

In providing for District or Provincial Grand Lodges it was enacted that a petition from a majority of the Lodges in any District would be sufficient, without requiring unanimous consent. A new arrangement of districts was made. In many of the districts no lodges had yet been organized; but the brethren expected to push on and plant the Order in every portion of British North America. They were building for the future, as they hoped and thought. The first article of the Grand Lodge By-laws provided that,

"For the purposes of the Order, British North America shall be, and is hereby, divided into eight Provinces, viz:

1. The Province of Toronto, comprising Newcastle, Colborne, Home, Simcoe, Gore, Wellington, Niagara, Talbot, Brock, London, Kent, Western and Huron Districts.

2. The Province of Kingston, comprising the Johnstown, Bathurst, Midland, Prince Edward and Victoria Districts.

3. The Province of Montreal, comprising the Montreal, St. Francis, Eastern, Ottawa and Dalhousie Districts.

4. The Province of Quebec, comprising the Quebec, Three Rivers and Gaspe Districts.

5. The Province of Fredericton, comprising the whole of New Brunswick.

6. The Province of Halifax, comprising the whole of Nova Scotia.

7. The Province of Charlottetown, comprising the whole of Prince Edward Island.

8. The Province of Newfoundland, comprising the whole of the Island of that name.

Before adjourning the Grand Lodge proceeded to choose its officers who were hereafter to be elected biennally as in the G. L. U. S. The new officers were as follows:

E. L. Montizambert, Quebec, Grand Sire.
C. Dunkin, Montreal, Deputy Grand Sire.
Andrew Wilson, Montreal, Grand Secretary.
Jno. Dyde, Montreal, Grand Treasurer.
Rev. R. J. C. Taylor, Peterboro, Grand Chaplain.
H. H. Whitney, Montreal, Grand Marshall.
S. Wright, Quebec, Grand Guardian.
S. B. Campbell, Toronto, Special Rep. to the G. L. U. S.

The District Deputy Grand Sires appointed were Dr. J. A. Sewell, Quebec District; Hon. Geo. Sherwood, Brockville, Kingston District; and S. B. Campbell, Toronto District.

So closed this Session of the G. L. of B. N. A.; and by way of relaxation after much arduous labor, the Grand Sire gave the representatives a dinner at Tetu's Hotel, where, so the newspapers of the day said, they all enjoyed themselves hugely,

The first official communications between the Sovereign Grand Lodge of British North America and the Parent Body were very cordial. When the G. L. U. S. met in September, the Special Representative from Canada, S. B. Campbell, was in attendance; and was welcomed to a seat and given a voice in its proceedings. On behalf of his constituents he presented the following complimentary address:

I. O. O. F.

The Most Worthy Grand Sire and the Right Worthy Deputy Grand Sire, Officers and Grand Representatives of the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows of British North America,

To the Most Worthy Grand Sire and the Right Worthy Deputy Grand Sire, Officers and Grand Representatives of the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows of the United States of America:

FRIENDSHIP, LOVE AND TRUTH.

Brethren, we greet you well. We consider it a fortunate circumstance that our first regular Session has been held in time to enable us to delegate to one of of our number the pleasing duty of congratulating your Right Worthy Body on the recurrence of its annual communication.

Our Worthy Brother, S. B. Campbell, Provincial Deputy Grand Sire for the Province of Toronto, will appear as our Special Grand Representative on this occasion, and we beg you will accredit him accordingly.

He will then be enabled to express in person to your assembled body, more warmly and forcibly than it would be possible to convey in writing, those sentiments of cordial esteem and thankful consideration which this Grand Lodge will never fail to entertain towards its parent in Odd-Fellowship, the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States of America.

By communicating to you a certified copy of the Constitution, By-laws and Rules of Order which we have recently adopted, he will, we trust, convince you of our earnest desire to be guided by the light of your experience in our endeavors to preserve and enforce the principles of Odd-Fellowship, in all their purity, and to oppose similarity of organization as a barrier against those deviations from the Usages and Work of the Order, under your jurisdiction, which we stand pledged to avow.

We invite your particular attention to the sixteenth By-law, by which it is

effectually provided that the A. T. P. W. shall always be the same in both jurisdictions, and you may rest assured that the spirit which has actuated us in these respects will not fail to be carried into the details of our legislation for the government of our subordinates.

Happy shall we be indeed, if our endeavors to promote kindly feelings between man and man—to relieve temporal distress without injury to honest pride—to comfort the fatherless and the widow—and to secure to the friendless orphan the invaluable blessing of a good education, are attended with success, in any way resembling that which has crowned the efforts of the body whose example we are so desirous of emulating.

That your exertions and deliberations may be continually blessed by the Almighty Giver of all good, and that union and brotherly love may ever reign within, and between our respective jurisdictions, is the sincere prayer of your British American brethren in the bonds of the Order.

{ L.S. } Given at Odd-Fellows' Hall in the City of Montreal, this sixteenth day of September, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty-seven, and of our Order in British America the Fifth

E. L. MONTIZAMBERT, *Grand Sire.* ANDREW WILSON, *Grand Secretary*

This communication was warmly received, and the reciprocal fraternal feelings of the American brethren expressed in the report of a Special Committee recommending that the Grand Sire should make a suitable reply, and that a special Representative should be accredited to British North America; in which report the G. L. U. S. unanimously concurred.*

The closing months of the year in Canada left the Order in a satisfactory condition. The first Provincial Grand Lodge organized under the new Constitution was that of Quebec, on the 15th of November. Its first officers were: S. Wright, G. M.; A. Joseph, D. G. M.; J. McLaren, G. W.; Weston Hunt, G. S.; Wm. Bennet, G. T.; J. C. Fisher, G. Marshal; Wm. Sims, G. C.; Robert Chambers, G. G.

In Western Canada the exertions of the Picton brethren were successful in securing the organization of another Subordinate—WELLINGTON, No. 23, at Wellington, on the 28th December. The charter members were: Thos. Worthington, first N. G.; John D. Sellick, V. G.; David S. Young, R. S.; C. Haight, P. S.; Lewis B. Stinson, T.; Benjamin S. Corey, Geo. B. Stinson, John M. Wilson.

Meanwhile, the authorities of the Order were anxious to extend its operations as much as possible. In Montreal the membership formerly increasing so rapidly had become stationary, and it was proposed to establish lodges working in the French language, but the plan was not successful. Correspondence was also opened with gentlemen in the Maritime Provinces—in St. John, N. B,, and in Halifax, N. S.,—with a view to introducing the Order into those places, but it was some years before any results followed.

* Journal G. L. U. S., vol. 2, p. 1077.

THE SIXTH YEAR—1848.

This year was not marked by any signs of advancement in Odd-Fellowship. Communications were sometimes received by the authorities in regard to new lodges, but generally without result. Some fruitless efforts were made to open a lodge in Merrickville, C. W. The only addition to the roll was in the west. Bro. S. B. Campbell, Provincial Deputy for Toronto, instituted the only new lodge this year, BEAVER No. 24, at Lloydtown. The charter members were J. H. Smith, (first N. G.) A. McPherson, Ed. Bull, James H. Laurence, Arthur Armstrong, R. Kneeshaw and S. H. W. Stogdill. It was opened on the 1st of March.

On the 29th of April the Provincial Grand Lodge of Montreal was instituted by the Grand Sire. The elective officers chosen were as follows :—

John Dyde, No. 5, G. M. ; H. E. Montgomerie, No. 8, D. G. M. ; William Hilton, No. 1, G. W. ; John Irvine, No. 2, G. S. ; John Fletcher, No. 1, G. T.

The principal officers of the new Grand Lodge were gentlemen whose enthusiasm in Odd-Fellowship justified their election to prominent positions in the Order. Among the most able was Mr. Montgomerie, the second in rank, who was elected Grand Master in August following. He was a member of the firm of Edmonstone, Allan & Co., and had been initiated in Commercial, No. 5, in 1845, a few years after his arrival in this country from Scotland; and subsequently became a member of Canada, No. 8. During his connection with the Order up to the close of 1849, when he finally removed to England, he rendered it valuable service ; not only in the subordinate lodge and encampment to which he belonged, but in several visits that he made to the Western Province, in his negotiatiotions with the Manchester Unity, and in his literary contributions to the Odd-Fellows Record.

The annual session of the Grand Lodge of British North America was this year extended over a long period ; but it does not appear that the business transacted was at all commensurate with the time occupied. Grand Lodge met on the 15th August, continued in session three days, then adjourned to the 23rd ; from the 23rd the members worked till the 25th, then took a rest till the 28th, when they settled down to business for five days; after that, adjourned meetings were held on the 9th and 14th of September and on the 27th of October, at which latter date the Grand Lodge adjourned *sine die*. A long session, and presum-

ably the time was occupied in considering matters for the good of the Order, and therefore not wasted. Part of it was spent in adopting a Constitution for Grand and Subordinate Encampments and Lodges—a subject which might well have caused considerable discussion.

The attendance at the session was not large. On the first day there were present:

E. L. MONTIZAMBERT, Grand Sire.
CHRISTOPHER DUNKIN, Deputy Grand Sire.
ANDREW WILSON, Grand Secretary.
JOHN DYDE, Grand Treasurer.
H. H. WHITNEY, Grand Marshal.

And the following members: Past Grand Sire Hamilton. Past Grand Secretary Cushing, and Reps. W. A. Liddell, Wm. Hilton, Geo. Matthews, Robt. Cooke, Wm. Ewan, and H. E. Montgomerie, of Montreal, and S. B. Campbell, of Toronto.

Subsequently, at different meetings, there were present: Z. Wilson, A. Joseph, — Holmes, A. H. David, J. Gibson, A. H. Campbell, W. R. Scott, J. McLaren, W. Hunt, W. Sache, and J. Holland; but twelve was the largest number ever present at one time.

The address of the Grand Sire was not a very important document, but is here appended:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F., of B. N. A.:

BRETHREN,—The same article of our Constitution which entrusts the Grand Sire with a general supervision of the interests of the Order during the recesses of this Grand Lodge, enjoins that officer to "make report of his acts and doings in relation thereto" at each stated meeting.

In proceeding to discharge that duty I may be permitted to congratulate the Grand Lodge on the continued harmony and prosperity of our Order, as well as on the amicable relations which subsist between it and the sister Order of the neighboring Republic. The great utility of institutions such as ours would seem to consist in creating ties where none existed before; or, rather, in renewing or strengthening that of universal brotherhood, when dissevered or weakened by distinctions in which human perversity is so prone to find excuses for indifference or emnity.

And though the triumph of our principles is not so conspicuous in our intercourse with those from whom we are distinguished only by a generous rivalry in the same good work, it is still matter of congratulation that we continue to be on the most friendly terms with the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows of the Manchester Unity. I observed with pleasure the presence, as guests, at a celebration held by the several lodges in this city last winter, of several high officers of that Order, whose expressions of cordial good will to our Order were very properly responded to in a similar strain by some of our brethren.

The report of the Special Grand Representative accredited by Grand

Lodge at its last session to the then approaching annual communication of the R. W. G. L. U. S., at Baltimore, will be laid upon your table. It will be accompanied by copies of the address presented by him to that body, of the instructions with which he was furnished by me at his departure, and of his letters to me on the subject of those instructions.

From the latter you will perceive that although the new work had not been translated into French when our Worthy Brother left Baltimore, he obtained the promise of a distinguished officer of the sister Order there, that an early intimation of its publication in that language would be given to us.

Shortly after the close of last Session, I was fortunate enough to obtain the assistance of that zealous brother, Past Grand Murney, of Belleville, as Provincial Deputy Grand Sire for the Province of Kingston, in place of Past Grand Sherwood, of Brockville, who declined accepting the office on the ground of other occupations.

The other appointed officers and deputies accepted their respective charges, and continue to hold them to this day, with the exception of P. G. Sewell, of Quebec, who added to the valuable services he had already rendered the Order by efficiently discharging the duties of Provincial Deputy Grand Sire for the Province of Quebec only until the 15th November last.

On that day, I had the pleasure in person, to institute a Provincial Grand Lodge for Quebec, and to instal a most efficient set of officers for the conduct of its affairs.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Montreal was instituted at a later period, viz., on the 29th April last, but on that occasion it was my pleasing duty to instal brothers whose tried zeal and ability afford a guarantee that the interests of the Order will not be neglected in this Province while they continue to fill their respective offices.

Two new subordinate lodges have also been opened during the past year, viz. Wellington No. 23, at Wellington, in the Province of Kingston, by P. G. Wright, of Picton, on the 28th December last; and Beaver No 24, at Lloydtown, in the Province of Toronto, by Provincial Deputy Grand Sire Campbell, on the 1st March last.

The dispensations for these Grand and Subordinate Lodges will be submitted to you for your approval and confirmation; and there will also be laid before you a memorandum of the conditions upon which that for the Provincial Grand Lodge of Montreal was granted, in pursuance of the resolution adopted on the 21st August last. *

In compliance with another resolution, I issued at the proper period, regulations for the guidance of the Degree Masters of Lodges in conferring degrees, as well as forms for the installation of those officers —copies of which will be laid upon you table.

From this review of what has been done during the past recess, it will be apparent that our Order has both extended its limits, and improved its organization in that period; and I hope that before we meet again it may be completely organized, as far as Canada is concerned, by the institution of Provincial Grand Lodges at Kingston and

* The conditions had reference to the lease of the building, furniture, etc.

Toronto, and that many new Lodges will have been opened in all the Provinces.

If the documents laid before you by the R.W. Grand Secretary should tell that our numerical strength has not materially increased, I trust it will, at least, appear from their contents that there has been no diminution in the number of zealous and devoted members of the Order.

In conclusion, I deem it my duty to suggest the propriety of enacting Constitutions and Rules of Order for Provincial Grand Lodges and the Grand Encampment to replace those now in force, which have been found defective in several essential particulars.

E. L. Montizambert,
Grand Sire.

From the Grand Secretary's statistics we are enabled to compile the following table shewing the condition of the Order for the year ending June 30th. It will be noticed that no figures are given for Burlington, No. 17, of Hamilton. It had not sent in its June returns, because it was about winding up its affairs. The first lodge in British North America to succumb, it closed its doors finally in the month of July. And for the first time since the introduction of the Order into Canada, there was a vacant number on the register of lodges.

STATISTICS OF LODGES IN B. N. A. FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1848.

No.	Lodge.	Location.	Initiations.	Rejections.	Admitted by card.	Withdrawn by card	Reinstated.	Suspended.	Expelled.	Died.	Past Grands.	Contributing members.	Revenue.	Brothers relieved.	Widowed families relieved.	Brothers buried.	Brothers' wives buried.	Relief of Brothers.	Relief of widowed families.	Educating orphans	Burying the dead.	Total Relief.
													£ s. d.					£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1	Pr. of Wales	Montreal	14	1	1	8	..	12	4	4	16	138	239 6 2	9	2	4	2	23 10 4	12 10 0	.....	34 4 0	70 4 4
2	Queen's	Montreal	5	1	..	10	..	2	..	1	17	214	229 12 6	13	3	1	....	58 5 0	37 10 0	.....	27 10 0	123 5 0
3	Pr. Albert	St. John's	3	3	1	5	..	..	2	...	10	29	56 12 2	6	....	..	....	8 16 8	.....	.....	.....	8 16 8
4	Albion	Quebec	6	1	1	7	..	14	..	1	13	256	461 0 1	25	4	1	2	100 0 7	25 0 0	27 7 6	17 10 0	169 18 1
5	Commercial	Montreal	6	..	..	42	1	40	28	2	13	210	481 17 3	12	4	2	1	150 0 0	43 15 0	.....	18 15 0	212 10 0
6	Victoria	Belleville	4	..	...	..	...	2	...	1	12	118	115 11 3	6	2	1	..	17 2 0	21 17 6	.....	8 5 0	47 4 6
7	Oriental	Stanstead	1	1	..	5	..	..	5	..	11	75	93 16 9	6	....	..	..	11 0 0	.....	.....	3 15 0	14 15 0
8	Canada	Montreal	5	..	2	..	..	..	..	.	10	52	50 7 7	..	....	..	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
9	Brock	Brockville	6	.	..	6	..	1	.	...	5	46	69 0 0	11	....	.	1	15 19 9	4 0 0	.....	5 0 0	24 19 9
10	Cataraqui	Kingston	9	..	..	7	3	7	2	1	8	54	134 7 6	1	....	1	.....	9 0 0	.....	.....	10 0 0	19 0 0
11	Pr. Edward	Picton	14	..	1	17	..	3	..	1	8	111	195 11 3	33	1	1	.....	52 11 7	12 10 0	.....	7 10 0	72 11 7
12	Ontario	Colourg.	3	..	..	9	1	12	7	1	7	60	117 0 0	8	1	1	...	16 15 0	8 0 0	.....	7 10 0	32 5 0
13	Otonabee	Peterboro'	18	2	..	3	..	6	..	.	9	93	232 17 6	..	1	..	....	.....	10 0 0	.....	.....	10 0 0
14	Hope	Port Hope	6	1	..	5	...	1	1	1	8	60	84 14 2	5	.....	1	....	8 0 0	.....	.....	.....	8 0 0
15	Tecumseh	Toronto	29	5	6	17	..	10	6	1	11	144	319 1 10	14	1	1	....	65 0 0	9 7 6	.....	20 0 0	94 7 6
16	Union	St. Catharines	43	5	..	6	...	3	..	3	6	161	319 16 2	14	2	3	....	57 10 0	15 13 8	.....	22 10 0	95 3 10
17	Burlington	Hamilton	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	..	....	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
18	St. Francis	Cornwall	7	..	..	..	..	1	..	...	8	94	99 10 5	7	....	..	1	23 0 0	.....	.....	3 15 0	26 15 0
19	Mercantile	Quebec	15	2	..	6	..	..	..	2	7	162	170 17 0	11	1	2	....	37 10 0	.....	.....	7 10 0	45 0 0
20	Ottawa	Bytown	21	..	...	6	..	9	..	...	6	106	159 0 0	4	.. ..	...	1	7 0 0	.....	.....	4 0 0	11 0 0
21	Home	Toronto	12	1	5	1	..	3	..	...	5	46	119 10 8	2	....	..	....	7 0 0	.....	.....	.....	7 0 0
22	Phœnix	Oshawa	27	3	2	6	..	1	..	3	2	40	155 9 4	7	2	3	....	34 0 0	12 10 0	.....	26 0 0	72 10 0
23	Wellington	Wellington	23	2	7	1	1	..	..	.	1	42	134 15 4	3	....	..	....	3 5 0	.....	.....	.....	3 5 0
24	Beaver	Lloydtown	13	2	6	3	..	...	1	..	1	15	46 12 6	..	....	...	.. ..	....	.....	.....	.....	.....
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Financially, the Grand Lodge appears to have been in a very fair condition, for its assets exceeded its liabilities by £215 16s.7d.; while its cash balance amounted to £178.

The most pleasant and no doubt the most profitable feature of this session was the presence on the first day of two eminent brethren from the United States—Past Grand Sire Kennedy and Grand Secretary Ridgely. At the previous session of the G. L. U. S. Bro. Ridgely had been accredited a Special Representative to Canada, and now came to fulfil his duties, bearing with him the kind and hearty sympathies of the brethren across the lines, which he expressed fully in his own eloquent language; and bearing also the following formal document from the Supreme Lodge:

WE, THE MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE, RIGHT WORTHY DEPUTY GRAND SIRE, OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF I. O. O. F., OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND JURISDICTION HEREUNTO BELONGING,

IN FRIENDSHIP, LOVE AND TRUTH.

To the Most Worthy Grand Sire, Right Worthy Deputy Grand Sire, Officers and Members of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of British North America,

SEND GREETING:

Accept the assurances of our affectionate regard, and sincere hope, that the spirit and influence of our institution may be cherished and felt in an equal degree in the two jurisdictions, whose subsisting bond of union we pray may be perpetual.

Sensible as we are of your correct and full understanding of the vast responsibilities of your position; and aware also of your deep concern and anxiety upon all subjects connected with the humanizing and redeeming enterprise in which all of us are engaged; we can rely with unwavering confidence upon the continued dissemination on your part of those cardinal virtues of our common nature, which constitute the broad basis upon which has been erected the temple of our fraternity.

Our beloved brother, P. G. M., James L. Ridgely, Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F. of the United States of America, has been appointed a Special Grand Representative of the said Right Worthy Grand Lodge to the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of British North America.

{ L. S. } Given at the Odd-Fellows Hall, in the City of Baltimore, in the State of Maryland, United States of America, this first day of August A. D. 1848, and of our Order in North America the 30th.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *G. C. & R. Secretary.* HORN R. KNEASS, *Grand Sire.*

Bro. Kennedy's visit was unofficial, but none the less welcome. He had chartered the first lodge in Canada, and felt a deep fraternal interest in the jurisdiction, and gladly responded to the invitation he received from Canada to accompany the Grand Secretary in his visits. If there was anything that would have stimulated and encouraged, as well as instructed, the Canadian Odd-Fellows, it would have been the cheering words, the wise counsels, and the thorough rendition of the work received from these two noble brothers.

That the Grand Lodge should have placed on record in glowing

resolutions of thanks its sense of indebtness to the G. L. U. S., and its envoys, was only to be expected; and Grand Sire Montizambert duly notified that body of the debt of gratitude incurred by the Canadian brethren in the visit of Bros. Ridgely and Kennedy.* It was decided, however, not to send any special Representative in return this year. The experiment had been tried the year previous, and had proved to be more expensive than profitable.

Bro. Ridgely in his report to the G. L. U. S. in September following, spoke in high terms of the Canadian Fraternity. He said :

"Pursuant to your instructions, I proceeded to the City of Montreal, in the Province of Canada, and on the third Tuesday in August had the pleasure of meeting the R. W. Body to which I was accredited, in annual communication. My credentials were received, and by unanimous vote I was acknowledged as the Representative of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States.

"After an interchange of salutations, I presented an address, with which you specially charged me, and delivered copies of our Journal and our Digest and Laws. I ask permission to append a copy of the address presented. During this ceremony the R. W. Grand Lodge of British North America was upstanding; and the acceptance of your presents by that distinguished body was declared by M, W. Grand Sire Montizambert in a response highly laudatory of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and happily expressing the warm affection cherished by our Canadian brethren for the body from which they received the charter of their existence as an independent sovereignty in Odd-Fellowship. The representatives in attendance greeted me in the most cordial manner ; and the attention then paid me was followed by unremitting kindness during the entire period of my sojourn among them. At their evening session, Tuesday 15th August, P. G. Sire Kennedy of this Grand Lodge, who had revisited them by special invitation, gave instructions in the work of the Order at their request. It was exceedingly gratifying to your Representatives to observe the great uniformity in the practice of the work in the two jurisdictions.

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"My mission being closed I took leave of the Grand Lodge of British North America, and have brought with me deep impressions of respect for its officers and members. The idea of an interchange of representatives was fortunately conceived, and so long as the system shall prevail, the strong bonds which already unite the Odd-Fellows of Canada and the United States will remain unimpaired."§

The unfortunate disruption of Odd-Fellowship, and the separation of the American from the English Order in 1842, had always been a matter of special regret to the Canadian brethren. Though individual members and lodges of the M. U. in Canada had often shown a spirit of jealousy towards the adherents of American Odd-Fellowship, yet the latter were never disposed to retaliate. On the contrary, they were

*Journal G. L. U. S. vol. 2, p. 1279.
§Journal G. L. U. S., vol. 2, p. 1259.

very anxious to bring about a reconciliation, and, if possible, a reunion. In the year previous the Grand Sire of Canada had taken advantage of the presence in England of Bro. H. E. Montgomerie, a prominent member of the Order, to enter into correspondence with the officials of the Manchester Unity. The intercourse thus opened was very pleasant, but led to no practical results. At this session a proposition was made in the most friendly spirit apparently by the National Order of Odd-Fellows in England to unite with the Canadian and the American Order. A Committee, of which Bro. Dunkin was chairman, had the matter under consideration, and reported that while anxious for a union, yet there were questions arising in reference to the terms of union upon which it would be inexpedient for the G. L. of B. N. A. to express an opinion until after consultation with the American brethren. The Grand Sire was, therefore, authorized to open up a confidential correspondence with the officials of the Order in the United States; and in the meantime the National Order was to be notified of this action, and of the desire of the Canadian Odd-Fellows to prepare, in conjunction with the G. L. U. S., a comprehensive plan of union which might be acceptable to all branches of the I. O. O. F. There is no evidence, however, that the matter ever went any further.

Before adjourning the Grand Lodge received petitions for the establishment of Provincial Grand Lodges for Kingston and Toronto, and granted the petitions.

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THE SEVENTH YEAR—1849.

This year some evident signs of approaching failure began to show themselves. In January, Canada Lodge, No. 8, of Montreal, surrendered its charter—an indication that decay was commencing at the very centre of the Order. This was the last lodge organized in that city—the weakest numerically—and therefore one of the first to succumb as the evil days drew near.

In the Toronto District this was an unfortunate year. On the 2nd May a Provincial Grand Lodge was organized—R. Kneeshaw, Grand Master; James George, Grand Secretary. But the Order was not healthy. S. B. Campbell, who had been the leading spirit, had unfortunately fallen into bad odor; and was expelled for conduct

unbecoming an Odd-Fellow. Particulars are not given; but as it appears from the records that he was indebted to the G. L of B. N. A., to the extent of £69 18s. 11d., of which £37 10s., had been placed in his possession in 1847, to transmit to the G. L. U. S., and the balance had been subsequently collected from Subordinate Lodges and never paid over, the probabilities are that his "unbecoming conduct" was in connection with financial delinquencies. His successor, Bro. Kneeshaw, seems to have been very enthusiastic for a time. He opened the Provincial Grand Lodge, and instituted OXFORD LODGE No. 25, at Woodstock. But he made no report of his work to the Grand Lodge of B. N. A. His Provincial Grand Lodge only lasted a few months; and then the Order in the City of Toronto collapsed. Both Tecumseh and Home Lodges suspended; and eighteen years passed away before a Lodge was re-opened in the Capital of the Western Province.

The annual Session of the Grand Lodge of B. N. A., in 1849, was unimportant. It began on the 21st August, with the following present:

E. L. MONTIZAMBERT, Grand Sire.
CHRISTOPHER DUNKIN, Deputy Grand Sire.
ANDREW WILSON, Grand Secretary.
JOHN DYDE, Grand Treasurer.
H. H. WHITNEY, Grand Marshall.

Representatives George Matthews, Wm. Hilton, H. E. Montgomerie, John Fletcher and W. R. Scott.

On a report of the Committee on Credentials, the following brethren were declared entitled to seats:

From the Provincial Grand Lodge of Montreal.—J. C. Beckett, W. Sache, W. R. Scott, James Holmes and Wm. Ewan, to serve for two years. W. Easton, J. Murray, J. Fletcher, Adam Brown and David MacKay, to serve for one year.

From the Grand Encampment.—H. H. Whitney, Geo. Matthews, A. H. David, J. M. Gilbert and Andrew Wilson, to serve for two years. Wm. Hilton, C. Dunkin, H. E. Montgomerie and Robt. Macdougall, to serve for one year.

There were no representatives present except from Montreal city.

The Grand Sire gave no official report—only a verbal statement of what little he had done during the year; and there was no statistical report from the Grand Secretary. Considerable time was spent in trying to tinker the Constitution; and that seems to have been about the principal subject that occupied the attention of the representatives during their ten days session—spread over a period of six weeks. H. E. Montgomerie, P. G. M. of the Grand Lodge of Montreal, was appointed a special representative to the G. L. U. S., but he went to England

shortly after, and was consequently unable to discharge the duties of the office.

The following officers were chosen for the ensuing term :

C. Dunkin,—Grand Sire.
H. H. Whitney,—Deputy Grand Sire.
J. A. Sewell,—Grand Warden.
Wm. Hilton,—Grand Secretary.
John Murray,—Grand Treasurer.
Wm. Ewan,—Grand Accountant.
Rev. R. C. P. Taylor,—Grand Chaplain.
Robt. McDougall,—Grand Marshall.
A. H. David,—Grand Conductor.
J. C. Becket,—Grand Guardian.

The offices of Grand Warden and Grand Accountant were new creations this session. The latter was equivalent to that of a Financial Secretary, and was ably filled by Bro. Wm. Ewan, a merchant of Montreal, who was subsequently elected Grand Secretary. Dr. Sewell, of Quebec, elected Grand Warden, was not present to be installed.

It is impossible to tell the exact membership of the Order in Canada this year. Many of the lodges sent no returns, and the Grand Secretary attempted no compilation. In the Montreal jurisdiction there were seven lodges, whose membership on June 30th were thus given : Prince of Wales, 143 ; Queens', 134 ; Prince Albert, 27 ; Commercial, 172 ; Oriental, 80 ; St. Francis, 91 ; Ottawa, 79 —in all 726, against 900 the year previous. In Quebec, the two lodges were in good working order, with about 200 members. In the jurisdiction of Toronto four lodges, Cataraqui, Tecumseh, Burlington, and Home were completely defunct,and several of the others were in a languishing condition. Brock and Union were the most vigorous of all.

In the Kingston Jurisdiction, though the vitality was not so high as might be desired, there were still some good members who were anxious to remove the depression and impart new vigor into the Order if possible. In November a Convention of Past Grands was held, and the Grand Sire was memorialized to the effect that the Grand Officers were greatly to blame for the dull times in Canada West by their neglect in answering communications and attending to the affairs of the Order. A charter had been granted for a Grand Lodge at Kingston a year previous, but no action had been taken in the matter. It was

now proposed to carry this into effect, and see if any improvement would follow.

It will thus be seen that the year 1849 closed with rather gloomy prospects for Odd-Fellowship. The novelty had passed away, the enthusiasm had died out, and the fire on the altars burned low.

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THE EIGHTH YEAR, 1850.

The sharp protest of the Past Grands of Kingston Jurisdiction, referred to at the close of last year's record, was not without results. The new incumbent of the Grand Sire's Chair, Bro. C. Dunkin, was anxious to do all that could possibly be done in the interests of the Order; and did not spare himself nor his Subordinate Officers in the work; that is, when the latter could be made to work—not in all cases an easy task. After consultation with the Grand Officers, it was decided that the Grand Secretary, W. R. Scott, should go West, institute a Grand Lodge for Kingston, and visit as many Lodges as possible. This work he performed in the month of January. The following extract from his journal will give an idea of the state of the Order as he found it on his visit:

"I visited Brock Lodge No. 9, Brockville, which I was gratified to find in a good working state, and zealous for the welfare of the Order at large. The most friendly feeling seems to prevail."

"In Kingston, I found that Cataraqui Lodge, No. 10, is practically suspended. From what I can learn it appears very doubtful if it can again be revived."

"In Picton I visited Prince Edward, No. 11, which I was pleased to find really flourishing, and the members generally interested in the furtherance of the principles of the Order.

"In Wellington, No. 23, at Wellington, I was much gratified to find that though comparatively small in numbers they were not lacking in zeal for the good of the Order. Much credit is due to P. G. Thos. Worthington, Provincial Grand Deputy, for his attention to the interests of the Order.

"Victoria Lodge, No. 6, Belleville, I regretted to find in a languishing state, owing principally to unnecessary expenses in the fitting up of a splendid hall. They have now extricated themselves from their difficulties, and as renewed good feeling prevails among them, it is reasonable to hope that, with past experience, they will again take up a prominent position in Odd-Fellowship.

"I visited Cobourg with the view of meeting Ontario Lodge, No. 12, but was disappointed in getting a meeting. I, however, met a few of the officers, and obtained such information as they could furnish;

but it does not tend to inspire very pleasing anticipations of its prospects.

"Otonabee Lodge, No. 13, Peterboro', is in a depressed state, principally owing to the expense incurred in fitting up a new hall.

"Hope Lodge, No. 14, Port Hope, could not obtain meeting. Met a few of the officers. Their accounts of the state and prospects of the lodge were not cheering.

"In Toronto, I obtained the papers authenticating the establishment of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Toronto, on the 2nd of May last. I received from Bro. George intimation of the practical suspension of the Tecumseh and Home lodges, the former having sold its regalia and furniture; its last meeting was held in October last. The latter had its last meeting in March last, having by resolution, resolved upon giving up its Charter. In neither case have the charters as yet been surrendered. The prospects of a revival in the Province of Toronto are not encouraging.

"My limited time did not permit me to visit Union, Phœnix and Beaver Lodges I was informed that they were doing well. I was also informed of the opening of a new Lodge in Haldimand, and called *Industry*.

"On Friday, 1st February, according to appointment, I attended at the Odd-Fellows' Hall, Belleville, to institute the Provincial Grand Lodge of Kingston. After the necessary preliminaries, the following officers were elected and installed :

T. Worthington, No. 23, G. M.; B. Dougall, No- 6, D. G. M.; Geo. Neilson, No. 6, G. W.; A. McAllister, No. 11, G. S.; F. McAnany, No. 6, G. T.; J. Sellick, No. 23, G. M.; E. Holton, No. 6, G. C.; T. Washburn, No. 6, G. G.

"These officers appeared zealous and efficient, and it is reasonable to anticipate that their term of office will be productive of good to the Order.

"The Lodges in the Province of Kingston (except Cataraqui) are in a healthy state, and the expression of regret was general that the Supreme Grand Lodge had not sooner and oftener sent it Deputies to visit and instruct them."

The Industry Lodge referred to above, was not organized at the time of the Grand Secretary's visit, though preparations were making for that purpose, Business at that time was not conducted very regularly. The Grand Master of Toronto, R. Kneeshaw, was practically out of the Order, for the Lodge of which he was a member had ceased working; and the Grand Secretary of B. N. A., could not obtain any information from him, or any report of the State of the Order in his charge. The institution of Industry Lodge at Haldimand was due to brethren of Ontario No. 12; and formal authority was obtained from Grand Master Kneeshaw by Past Grand A. Macdonald, of Cobourg, who opened the new lodge on the 13th June. The Charter members were C. S. Male, N. G.; Simeon McBryan, V. G.: Richard Shannon, Sec.; Richard Warriner, P. S.; Thomas Riggs, Treas. At the end of the

month, the Grand Sire received word from Bro, George, "Grand Secretary" of Toronto, reporting the organization of Industry Lodge, and asking a number for it. As the authorities had no official knowledge of any Grand Lodge in Toronto, they were for some time at a loss how to proceed in the case. But as the letter from Bro. George was the last sign of existence given by the Toronto "Grand Lodge" and the Toronto jurisdiction, the G. L. of B. N. A, finally gave Industry a Charter, (Toronto got the Charter fee); and gave it a number and a place on the register. Oxford Lodge, at Woodstock, had been numbered "25;" but no report had ever been received at headquarters of its institution. And it was but short-lived; for when it found that the author of its existence—the Toronto G. L.—was dead, it ceased working. So that when Industry received a Charter, the G. L. of B. N. A, gave it the number next on its own records—that of No. 25.

The minutes of the G. L. of B. N. A. this year are comprised in a few small pages, printed with very big type; and give a good idea of the half-dead state of Odd-Fellowship in Canada. The lodge met on the 26th of August, with all the Grand Officers present. There were also in attendance P. G. Sire Montizambert, and Reps. Wilson, Sache, MacKay and Fletcher—in all, eight officers and four privates. The Grand Sire made a verbal report of his few official acts; and announced his intention of resigning. An adjournment then took place to the 10th September; and the Grand Secretary was ordered to notify the Grand Lodges and the Grand Encampment to that effect.

The 10th of September came; but the attendance was smaller instead of larger. Grand Sire Dunkin, Deputy Grand Sire Whitney, Grand Treasurer Murray, Grand Guardian Beckett and Reps. MacKay, Fletcher and Sache, were all who presented themselves. The only business transacted was the acceptance of the Grand Sire's resignation. Bro. Dunkin, from his first appearance in the Grand Lodge had been an active and zealous member, who spared neither time nor labor in the attempt to make Odd-Fellowship a success. He had been the legislator of the Order; all the laws and regulations, and all the principal transactions bearing the impress of his mind; and most of the official documents being his composition. But even he could not now keep up the enthusiasm of his brethren. More than that, he could not get their consent to remedy what he clearly saw to be the great defect in the Institution—its imperfect system of dues and benefits. The evil effects of the old hap-hazard system were showing themselves. Lodges were failing because they had no funds to meet the claims of beneficiaries But it was impossible to secure a change to a more durable plan—a system in which benefits and dues should bear a just and sound relation to each other. Had the enthusiasm still been burning as brightly as of

old, Bro. Dunkin might have obtained the active co-operation of the fraternity in the direction of financial reform, and secured the adoption of a system of dues graduated according to age, and calculated in accordance with the known laws of sickness and mortality. Failing in this; seeing no results worthy of the time and labor he had previously expended; and hopeless of the Order's future, Bro. Dunkin retired from its service forever. He has since made for himself an honorable name as a Canadian statesman. But while general history records in terms of praise the public life of the Hon. Christopher Dunkin, whether as a representative in Parliament, a member of the Canadian Government, or a Judge in the Courts of the Province of Quebec, a history of Canadian Odd-Fellowship would be incomplete did it not bear grateful testimony to the labors of Grand Sire Dunkin, of the Grand Lodge of British North America.

The vacancy in the office of Grand Sire was filled by the election thereto of the Deputy, H. H. Whitney,—Rep. John Dyde taking the place of the latter.

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THE NINTH YEAR—1851.

During the latter part of 1850 some correspondence took place between the officials of the Grand Lodge and members of the Fraternity in Halifax, and, with the assistance of some of the Massachusetts Odd-Fellows, the first lodge of our Order in the Maritime Provinces—ACADIA, No. 26—was instituted in that city on the 18th January, 1851, E. G. Fuller being the first N. G., John Campbell, V. G., and Samuel C. Weston, Secretary. The lodge was opened in a room in Temperance Hall, Poplar Grove, where it held its meetings for a time, subsequently removing to the "City Exchange Building," the seat of the municipal offices. After a few years it again removed; this time to Bedford Row, where an exceedingly handsome suite of rooms were fitted up for the accommodation of the Order.

Halifax seems to have been the only section of the British Provinces which gave any signs of life this year. During the first six months of its existence Acadia initiated over fifty members, and when the G. L. of B. N. A. met in August a representative journeyed all the way from Halifax to Montreal to be in attendance. As the year advanced the Fraternity made such progress that it was decided to or-

ganize an Encampment. Bro. Fuller, the Provincial Deputy, was authorized to confer the degrees on the necessary number of brethren to qualify them as petitioners, and on the 10th December a charter was granted to Patriarchs W. M. Harrington, C. H. Hamilton, E. K. Harris, Sydney Turner, Edward Jennings, James B. Oxley and Samuel Storey. This encampment was opened in the January following (1852) by Provincial Deputy Fuller, being named MAMBERTON, No. 9, after a celebrated Indian chief.

Both Acadia Lodge and Mamberton Encampment continued to flourish for some years. On the 13th January, 1861, however, they lost all their effects by fire. From this disaster they never recovered. The Encampment never replaced its regalia, and became practically defunct. The lodge continued for a few years, and then ceased to work.*

The session of the G. L. of B. N. A., opening on the 29th August, only presented a repetition of the previous year's proceedings—poor attendance and nothing done. There were present only H. H. Whitney, Grand Sire; Wm. Hilton, Grand Secretary; Wm. Ewan, Grand Accountant; J. C. Becket, Grand Guardian; and Reps. Hall and McLaren, of Quebec, and Fletcher, of Montreal. There was no one in attendance from Canada West, nor were any credentials received from that quarter.

The Grand Sire's report, here given, has a melancholy interest as being the last official address of any Grand Sire of British North America:

To the Grand Lodge of B. N. A.:

The Constitution of this Grand Lodge requires that the Grand Sire should, at each annual communication, "make report of his acts and doings during the recesses of this Grand Lodge."

In proceeding to discharge this duty, I regret not having the same cause for congratulation as to the state of the Order which some of my predecessors have had. When great success attends the first introduction of anything novel, it seems a natural consequence that reaction should follow. To this cause I would fondly hope the different degree of interest felt in the Order in some quarters is, in a great measure, to be attributed. If, however, there is some cause of discouragement, I am happy in being able to state that in several places in Canada West and also in Quebec the Order is prospering.

It was an instruction to the officers of this Grand Lodge at the annual communication of 1849, "that they should use all their influence to induce S. B. Campbell, late Provincial Deputy for the Province of Toronto, to give an account of his proceedings in regard to certain monies entrusted to him." Through the report and journal of Special

* Historical sketch by G. Sec. Frazee, in Journal of Lower Provinces for 1878, p. 236.

Deputy W. R. Scott, submitted last annual communication, this Grand Lodge was advised of the failure of every effort to obtain any statement whatever, and he has uniformly declined to answer all communications addressed to him. S. B. Campbell has been for some time expelled the Order for conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow.

It was only lately through the kind attention of T. Worthington Grand Provincial Deputy for the Province of Kingston, that I have been able to obtain any authentic information regarding the state of the Order in Toronto. Under date July 14, 1851, he reports that "while in Toronto last week I found that the Grand Lodge for the Province of Toronto had ceased to work, not having met in session for nearly two years.* I endeavored to obtain an interview with the M. W. Grand Master Kneeshaw, but without effect. There is no Subordinate Lodge at work; indeed, the whole appears suspended."†

Having been repeatedly urged by Industry Lodge, No. 25, to grant them a Charter, which had been paid for to the Provincial Grand Lodge of Toronto, but never issued, I caused a Charter to be issued free of charge, and have taken Industry Lodge under the immediate jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge. The virtual dissolution of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Toronto, has likewise led me to take Union Lodge, No. 16, St. Catharines, under this jurisdiction. Union is in a flourishing state.

During the recess, I have had the pleasure of issuing a Charter for a Subordinate Lodge in Halifax, N. S., known as the Acadia Lodge, No. 26. It will be seen from certain correspondence and by a return from that Lodge, that it has had a most encouraging commencement; and it can hardly be doubted, that, with judicious management, the advantages of the Order may be considerably extended in the Lower Provinces. The interests of the Order there deserve, and will no doubt receive, the best attention of the future officers of this Grand Lodge. In thus establishing a branch of the Order in Nova Scotia, I wish to express my acknowledgement of the valuable assistance I have received from Bro. A. Mudge, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

In the present somewhat depressed state of the Order in some quarters it is pleasing to reflect that its past history shows that similar depressions have been followed by the most cheering revivals. Let us hope that such will be the future history of the Order in the Provinces of British North America.

H. H. WHITNEY,
Grand Sire.

In Canada West, the only lodges now in active operation were Victoria, No. 6, Brock, No, 9, Union, No. 16, and Industry, No. 25. In the Montreal Province there were seven lodges, many of them, however, having only a nominal existence. In Quebec there were still the same two lodges, with a combined membership of about two hundred.

The Grand Lodge tried to meet on the 26th; but had no quorum. On the 28th a meeting was held: Present, Grand Sire Whitney, Grand

*It had only been organized two years, but as it does not appear ever to have met after its organization, the statement of Bro. Worthington was no doubt correct.

†Referring to the city of Toronto.

Accountant Ewan, and Representatives Becket, Macdougall, Hedge, Fletcher and Moore. Again on the 1st September a meeting was held with an attendance smaller than ever. Grand Sire Whitney, G. Sec. Hilton, G. Accountant Ewan, and Reps. McDougall, Becket and Hedge —*six in all!* This was the last meeting of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of British North America. Of course all the offices had to be filled up whether there was any one present to be installed or not. So the brethren chose their officers for another term of two years, as follows:

Wm. Hilton, Grand Sire.
Robt. McDougall, Deputy Grand Sire.
J. McLaren, Grand Warden.
Wm. Ewan, Grand Secretary and Accountant.
J. Fletcher, Grand Treasurer.
J. C. Becket, Grand Marshall.
S. Hedge, Grand Conductor.
Jas. Moore, Grand Guardian.

And then the Grand Lodge of British North America literally adjourned *sine die*.

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THE TENTH YEAR—1852.

After the organization of the G. L. of B. N. A. there had been very little formal intercourse between that body and the G. L. U. S. At the session of the latter in 1846, S. B. Campbell, of Toronto, was present as a Special Representative from Canada; and the compliment was returned in the accrediting of G. Sec. Ridgely to the British Provinces in the year following. But after that date there was no personal attendance of official representatives at either Montreal or Baltimore, though the appointment was sometimes made. In 1851, it was the intention of Grand Sire Griffin, of the G. L. U. S., to visit Canada himself, though he had been unable to do so. During 1849, 1850 and 1851, there was no official correspondence between the two bodies; but in the beginning of 1852, J. McLaren, Grand Master of Quebec, visited Baltimore and held a conference with Grand Secretary Ridgely on matters connected with the Order. Shortly after, the Quebec brethren sent a contribution of $50 in aid of the "Wildey Fund."

In referring to the state of Odd-Fellowship in his report this year Grand Secretary Ridgely suggested that, "in view of the feeble condition of the Order in British North America, it would seem to be the duty of the G. L. U. S. to make an effort to inspire the Brotherhood in that jurisdiction with renewed energy."* His suggestion was referred

*Journal G. L. U. S., vol. 2, p. 1856.

to the Committee on Correspondence, and nothing more was heard of it that session.

But it was evident about this time that some active measures were needed to keep the Canadian Odd-Fellows alive. Here and there a lodge could be found shewing signs of vigor. There was even an addition to the roll in the organization of a new lodge—VICTORIA, No. 27, at Caledonia, C. W. This lodge organized itself, however, through the exertions of Bro. Neil McKinnon, a resident of the village, and it is probable that the official labors of the Grand Sire in 1852 were confined to signing the charter for this lodge. It was instituted on the 8th of June, having for charter members Neil McKinnon, N. G.; Richard Walton, V. G.; Wm. McCargow, A. H. Jarvis and John Stewart. They were all members of Union Lodge, of St. Catharines.

This was the extent of the active operations of Odd-Fellowship in Canada this year. On the other hand the signs of death were becoming more noticeable, especially at the headquarters of the Order in Montreal,and among those who occupied official positions. There was no Grand Lodge meeting this year, and in Montreal city, the members were fast leaving and the lodges disbanding. The Grand Encampment and all the Grand Lodges, except that of Quebec, had practically ceased operations; the Montreal Grand Lodge and its Subordinates had not surrendered their charters, nor formally dissolved, but they were not working; one of the Quebec lodges—Mercantile—was in a similar state. By the close of 1852 all that was left of the once flourishing Order in British North America might, so far as active operations were concerned, be embraced in the following list:

Mamberton Encampment, No. 9, Halifax, N. S.
Albion Lodge No. 4, Quebec, C. E.
Victoria Lodge No. 6. Bellville, C. W.
Brock Lodge No. 9, Brockville, C. W.
Union Lodge No. 16, St. Catharines, C. W.
Industry Lodge No. 25, Haldimand, C. W.
Acadia Lodge No. 26, Halifax, N. S.
Victoria Lodge No. 27, Caledonia, C. W.

Of these, Victoria No. 6 was nearly dead, while Victoria No. 27 was just born. Albion, Brock, Union and Acadia embraced all that was active in Canadian Odd-Fellowship.

It will not be out of place here to consider the causes that led to this sad condition.

For a few years after its introduction into Canada, Odd-Fellowship had a most successful career. The Order was most exceedingly popular. In Montreal it occupied the position of the leading Social Club of the day, in which some of the principal men of the country held mem-

bership. A glance at a list of a few of the members, giving some of them the titles by which they are better known to the present generation, will show the social standing of the early Odd-Fellow of Canada. There were : Sir Dominick Daly, Sir W. B. Robinson, Sir Allan McNab, Sir Hugh Allan, Sir John A. Macdonald, Hon. C. Dunkin, Chief Justice Draper, Hon. J. Sandfield Macdonald, Hon. L. H. Holton, Hon. G. Sherwood, Rev. Dr. Mathieson, Rev. Dr. Cordner, Hon. P. McGill, Hon. J. Pangman, Hon. John Young, Hon. Ed. Murney, R. H. Hamilton, Ogle R. Gowan, J. Moir Ferres, T. D. Harrington, Thos. C. Keefer, J. Molson, E. L. Montizambert, J. Torrance, Wm. Workman W. H. Boulton, Geo. B. Hall, Col. Dyde, J. C. Becket, Wm. Ewan, etc. These were all leading statesmen, members of Parliament, prominent merchants and manufacturers—the very *elite* of Canadian society.

The opinion has been lately expressed by the Hon. C. Dunkin that one of the causes of the popularity of the Order in those days arose out of the fact that large numbers of people who might otherwise have been quite indifferent were drawn towards Odd Fellowship under the influence of a recoil against the Anti-Secret-Society cry, which, commencing with the "Morgan affair" in 1826, had grown until it became a power in the United States, and was heard even in Canada. In this country, however, the cry in so far as it affected politics was chiefly against Orangeism. After a time people wearied of it, and many whose sympathies were not at all in the direction of Orangeism, and who did not at that time care to go to the extreme length of Masonry, were rather pleased with the idea of joining a body which had just a flavor of the much abused element of secrecy, and which at all events was decidedly non-political. Many of them found these organizations so agreeable that in a year or two they were quite prepared to enter the Masonic and Orange societies ; and as the novelty of Odd-Fellowship wore off, Masonry appealing more especially to, the social and fraternal elements and disregarding the mutual assurance system, became with these people the fashionable institution.

In the very character of the membership of the pioneer Odd-Fellows' lodges may be found an important element in the decline of the Order. The early Odd-Fellows belonged generally to the wealthier classes of society, and were mostly young men. Odd-Fellowship was not with them a great practical system of mutual relief so much as a social institution. They were prepared to be charitable ; as witness the fact that four lodges alone sent over $1300 to the Highlands of Scotland during the famine in that country in 1846 ; and their regular benefits were generally greater than their dues would have justified. But it was mainly as a social institution that the Order was utilized in Montreal ; and as the members grew older, and became more deeply

interested in their private business and involved in public life, they lost interest in the Society, could find no time to devote to its affairs, and finally dropped out altogether.

Many of the early Odd-Fellows did not understand Odd-Fellowship. As already stated, it was to them a social club, for pleasure and amusement. The initiation of a member, instead of being an enforcement of solemn lessons, was looked upon as the opportunity for a burlesque entertainment. Those who have seen the old ritual in use prior to the revised edition of 1845 well know that in some respects it was more dramatic than our present work. But our ancestors did not confine themselves to the Book. The style in which the work was sometimes rendered may be gathered from the following extract from a communication ordered by Brock, No. 9, to be sent to the Grand Lodge in April, 1846. The communication, after expressing the regret felt by the lodge at the reports current of irregularities in the initiation ceremony of which Cataraqui Lodge of Kingston was guilty, says:

"The substance of the reports above alluded to is that at the initiation of one of the members of Cataraqui Lodge, the candidate was suspended in the air by means of a crane, and was also lowered down in chairs through an opening in the floor to a room below, where a cask containing ignited sulphur was placed opposite the opening; that they are in the habit of leading the candidates over platforms, under trestles, etc. etc."

It is quite evident that many of these Odd-Fellows had failed to understand the true intent and meaning of the Society. Regarding it only as a source of amusement and pleasure, we can easily see how, when the novelty of this sort of thing had passed away, such people would drop out of the lodges.

But not only did they fail to catch the true spirit of Odd-Fellowship as a moral teacher; they also failed to understand the importance of its benefit system. Benefits were allowed on a scale out of all proportion to dues, for they were willing to be exceedingly generous with lodge funds. Many of course never intended to draw benefits themselves, and were quite indifferent to the matter. The funds instead of being preserved to meet the claims of beneficiaries were squandered for entertainments and in the extravagant furnishing of lodge rooms. After a time, when money was needed for the sick, there was no money to be found, the members would not submit to assessments, and the lodges of course became insolvent.

Of opposition from the public, the Order had but little. There were some slight tokens of jealousy on the part of the Manchester Unity, but nothing of any consequence. The chief antagonist was the Catholic Church. When the Order was introduced into Montreal, the clergy of that Church seemed indifferent, and many of their adherents united

with the new Society. But after a few years the hierarchy appeared to change its views; at all events it changed its line of conduct. The first indication was a *mandement* from the Bishop of Montreal, in 1846, against secret societies. The Odd-Fellows endeavored to show that they did not belong to the class reprobated by the Bishop—not being "oath-bound" nor "secret," except in so far as their own private affairs were concerned. But the ecclesiastical authorities allowed no doubts to surround the subject: and their opposition became so pronounced and emphatic that in a short time all the Catholics were eliminated from the Order. But outside opposition would have had but little effect, had the members all been true to their principles and obligations. The worst foe with which they had to contend was "the foe in their own household."

Another disadvantage to the Order throughout the Provinces was in its practically centralized government. Montreal was really the head and centre of the Institution. Owing to the wealth and strength and talent in the Montreal Lodges, they governed the entire Jurisdiction. The Grand Lodge always met in that city, and the distant Lodges were but slimly represented. At the first meeting of the G. L. B. N. A. there were only four Representatives present from the eleven Lodges in Western Canada. As a natural consequence, when the Lodges grew feeble and faint in Montreal, the Order through the whole country suffered.

Then again, the scheme of a Sovereign Jurisdiction for Canada, whether sound, or not in theory, was certainly premature. Young and inexperienced as Odd-Fellows, by no means rooted and grounded in the principles and practices of the Order, the members were not in a condition to walk alone without the supervision of the Supreme head. Under ordinary circumstances it is not at all likely that the Canadian Odd-Fellows would have desired "independence." But as has already been shown the suggestion came from the G. L. U. S. itself, and proved very acceptable to the enthusiastic young Canadians. And they felt the advisability of this course all the more from the fact that they were taunted with the foreign origin of the Order, which was held up to public reprobation as an American institution. This is always a powerful argument to advance against any society, viz.: that it belongs to, and is under the control of, a foreign country; and it was strongly urged against the Order, especially by members of the Manchester Unity. Acting, then, on the suggestion of the G. L. U. S., and hoping thereby to avoid one source of weakness, they rashly attempted more than their condition and circumstances warranted—and failed.

THE ELEVENTH YEAR—1853.

In March of 1853, the Montreal lodges formally disbanded; and as the G. L. of B. N. A. depended for its officers and members on the city Lodges, that body also wound up its affairs. As previously indicated, both the Grand Lodge and its city subordinates had been dead for sometime; but now the few remaining members thought it time to bury the corpses. There had been a little talk among a few of the brethren about joining some other Order of Odd-Fellows; but it did not amount to anything. There was not life enough left for either secession, rebellion, or annexation to any other Institution. The Order was emphatically dead in Montreal. The city Lodges paid the debts of the Grand Lodge out of their own funds, and divided up the balance among the members. And so ended the career of the Grand Lodge of British North America.

Outside of the city, the few existing subordinates, ignorant of the death of the Grand Lodge, continued to work and to send in their reports and their dues, only to have them returned by the last Grand Secretary, Wm. Ewan, with the intimation that there was no longer any Grand Lodge, and that in their orphaned state it would be well for them to look elsewhere for a parent.

At this time, however, there were two members of the Order in Canada who were determined to keep it alive if possible—Dr. Thomas Reynolds, of Brockville, and James McLaren, of Quebec. They corresponded with each other, with the late Grand Secretary of Canada, and with such of the lodges as were still in existence. In this matter, Dr. Reynolds was especially active. The replies he received from Wm. Hilton, last Grand Sire, and Wm. Ewan, last Grand Secretary, showed clearly that nothing could be gained by looking to Montreal. He then proposed a convention of Past Grands, to meet in Brockville on the 8th June to consider the situation. In response to an invitation to preside over the convention, ex-Grand Sire Hilton wrote:

"The Order in this city is completely broken up, the Lodges having given up their place of meeting, divided their funds, property, etc. In this state of things it is certainly necessary to create a Supreme Jurisdiction somewhere else; and I do not know that a better means could be devised than your Lodge has taken to reduce everything again to proper working order. With regard to myself visiting your city on the 8th of June. I am afraid my business will altogether prevent me from doing so; though I deeply feel the honor of being called

to preside over your proposed deliberations. I can, however, with cheerfulness and confidence, allow the whole matter to remain in your hands, trusting, that in your future exertions to carry out the principles of the Order you may be attended with success."

Bro. Hilton, from the tone of his letter, had evidently retired from active service, and did not purpose troubling himself any more in the matter. The Lodges in Quebec and Haldimand responded promptly to the invitation to send delegates. Victoria No. 6, was only meeting occasionally, and gave no answer; Victoria, No. 27, could not afford to send a delegate, but promised concurrence in anything that might be done to uphold the Order. There is no record of any response from St. Catharines.

The Convention met in Brockville, as proposed, on the 8th of July. P. G. M. James McLaren came from Quebec, representing both Albion and Mercantile Lodges; and C. E. Ewing from Industry, No. 25, Haldimand; Brockville was represented by Dr. Reynolds, Wm. Fitzsimmons, John Wright and W. B. McLean. Dr. Reynolds was chosen chairman. The condition of the Order in Canada was the subject of consideration; and a serious subject it was. There could be no doubt about the desperate state of the "sick man," and the great aim now was to find a remedy for his ills. The result of the consultation may best be given in the resolutions adopted:

Moved by P. G. W. B. McLean, seconded by P. G. Ewing, and resolved—That the members of this delegation have reason to regret the necessity of their being called together on account of the demise of the Grand Lodge of British North America, by reason of which, according to their Constitution, all Subordinate Lodges also practically cease to exist; and they do hereby desire to say that it is the determination of the Lodges which they represent, to struggle for an existence while they have one beacon of hope to which they can look, and that they will not dissolve under any circumstances until every means shall have failed; to which they individually, and on behalf of their respective Lodges pledge themselves.

A statement of the present condition of the Order having been read by G. D. D. Reynolds, it was moved by P. G. Ewing, seconded by P. G. Wright, and resolved, That this statement be received and entered on the minutes as follows: This meeting of delegates, in stating the present condition of the Order in Canada, feel a difficulty in explaining the reasons which have led to such an unsatisfactory condition, deplored as it must be by every Odd-Fellow who has had the privilege of seeing better days in the Order. The Supreme Tribunal of the Order, the Grand Lodge of British North America, located at Montreal, and depending of course for its efficient working upon the exertions of members of Lodges in that city, has virtually ceased to exist, all the Subordinate Lodges in Montreal having ceased to work, and as we contend very unjustly made a division of their profits. The last acting Grand Sire Hilton has announced to several Lodges that the Grand Lodge will no longer receive reports or communicate passwords, and that as soon as he can get rid of the charge in his hands he will give up his connection with the Order. The Subordinate Grand Lodges, with the honorable exception of Quebec, have ceased to work, and have, we are sorry to add, by not very creditable conduct on the part of their officers, lost the confidence of the Subordinate Lodges and destroyed the zeal which formerly characterized their members generally. At present, there are in Canada several Lodges which are desirous of working, but being without a head cannot be expected to present a healthy state. The Grand Sire, although expressing his approval of, has not felt sufficient interest in

our proceedings to come a seven hours' journey to preside over our deliberations; and has refused to furnish us with books and papers necessary for our information. Degree books, charge books, and papers of importance to the Order, and which should certainly not be matter for public inspection, are scattered and exposed over the Province, without any effort on the part of the Grand Lodge to reclaim them. Lodges applying to the Grand Secretary for information receive unofficial replies referring them to the Grand Sire, who in time exhibits to either written or personal applications for information what may be well characterized as a "deaf ear." Delegates at this meeting representing five lodges of the seven reported by the Grand Secretary to be in working order, pray that the Grand Lodge of the United States will kindly favor them with advice and counsel in the matter, and suggest such measures as may be considered best under the circumstances, whether by the opening of a Grand Lodge at Brockville, being a central point for the Lodges at the extreme end of the Province—such Grand Lodge to work under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, until such time as a Grand Jurisdiction for British North America can be re-established; or directing the surrender of such papers and books as may be necessary for the establishment of the G. L. B. N. A., by the representatives of the lodges at present in working order. The necessity of immediate action is anxiously pressed upon the Grand Lodge of the U. S., from the fact that while the present interregnum prevails no initiation can take place, and members of the Order can feel no confidence in a partial working.

Moved by Bro. P. G. Master McLaren, seconded by P. G. Ewing, and resolved, that G. D. D. Reynolds, as chairman of this meeting, do sign the minutes of the same and transmit them to the R. W. Grand Secretary of the G L U. S.; and also conduct on our behalf all further correspondence that may be necessary in the premises.

The Canadian brethren thus threw themselves into the arms of the parent G. L. U. S. for the encouragement and support they needed. They only asked, however, for protection until the proper time came for a restoration of the charter of the Grand Lodge of British North America. The idea of surrendering their position as an Independent Sovereign Jurisdiction does not appear to have presented itself to their minds. Dr. Reynolds, as chairman, was instructed to forward the minutes of this convention to the G. L. U. S.—a duty promptly attended to. He was also able to send with them, among other papers bearing on the state of the Order, a resolution passed, by Union, No. 16, expressing approval of the action taken at Brockville. The only other lodge to express an opinion was Victoria, No. 6. At a meeting held on the 15th July, instead of joining with the other brethren it decided that before communicating with the G. L. U. S. it would be advisable to hold another convention at Kingston. But Bro. Reynolds did not feel disposed to wait for any more conventions. All the active lodges in the Provinces had taken prompt measures, and nothing could be gained by holding another meeting to accommodate a lodge so nearly dead that it could only get a quorum about once a quarter. Nothing more was heard of Victoria, No. 6, after July 15th.

While the few zealous brethren in Canada proper were thus devising measures for the preservation of Odd-Fellowship, the Order in Nova Scotia was prospering, so far as it was possible to prosper under the circumstances. But the brethren were very much annoyed at the

neglect and indifference shown at head quarters; and appealed to the G. L. U. S. for aid. The Provincial Deputy, Bro. E. G. Fuller, wrote the Grand Sire under date of July 18th, as follows:

"We have long felt the need of a head. Delays, indifference, and a want of energy and action in our Grand Lodge have nearly driven us to desperation. We shall care little for the dissolution of our own Grand Lodge, provided our wishes can be accomplished; in fact, I believe such an event the only thing that will revive the Order in British America. They never should have been separated. We have a new Hall just completed, which we are waiting to dedicate in the name of, and by the authority of—*somebody*."

Under the condition in which they were placed, the Odd-Fellows of Halifax sought the same remedy as their brethren in Canada; and a communication was addressed the G. L. U. S., by a Committee of Acadia Lodge, consisting of D. G. S. Fuller, P. G., C. H. Hamilton, and N. G., Peter Roof, asking that body to extend its jurisdiction over the Provinces of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Prince Edward Island.

When the G. L. U. S. met in Philadelphia on the 5th of September, one of the most important subjects it had to consider was the state of the Order in the British Provinces. Once so flourishing, it had now dwindled down to these feeble dimensions:

Mamberton Encampment, No. 9, Halifax.
Albion Lodge, No. 4, Quebec, 70 members.
Brock, No. 9, Brockville, 40 members.
Union, No. 16, St. Catharines, 143 members.
Industry, No. 25, Haldimand, 25 members.
Acadia, No. 26, Halifax, 100 members..
Victoria, No. 27, Caledonia, 20 members.

In all, one encampment and six lodges, with a membership of about 400.* Grand Secretary Ridgely, in his report, briefly referred to British North America, leaving the subject to be discussed more fully by Grand Sire Moore. The report of that officer took up the matter at considerable length. Speaking for Odd-Fellowship in Canada, as represented both in the Manchester and American Order, he said: †

"The Grand Lodge of British North America established at the Session of 1846, continued in being until sometime last spring, when it appears to have suddenly suspended its functions, without, so far as we

* In addition to these, Victoria at Belleville and Mercantile at Quebec had a nominal existence, but they had practically ceased to exist.

† Journal G. L. U. S., vol. 3, p. 1990.

are advised, having any reasonable excuse for so inconsiderate a procedure. About the same time, several Subordinate Lodges located at Montreal, which was the place of meeting of the Grand Lodge, followed its baneful example by disbanding themselves. Their illegal and injudicious acts, however, did not affect the Order in other localities not immediately surrounded by the influence of the Grand Lodge, with a devotion to the cause of Odd-Fellowship deserving the highest commendation. These Lodges forthwith met in convention, and resolved to return to the guardianship of the Grand Lodge of the United States. Their application to be admitted was received the 28 of June, accompanied by the minutes of their proceedings, by which your Executive was first apprised of the condition of the Order in British America. Of the entire accuracy of the statements contained in these communications, there existed no doubt. They were confirmed in the course of a few days by similar intelligence received from other quarters. Your Executive, however considering the friendly relations that subsisted between the two jurisdictions, and in view of the duties of the Grand Officers of British America, still hoped to receive from them an official communication, surrendering the authority which had been conferred by the G. L. U. S. It was therefore determined that we would not render ourselves liable to the imputation of having improperly invaded that jurisdiction ; and a letter was addressed to the Subordinate Lodges, advising them not to dissolve their organization, and promising them Charters, as soon as they could with propriety be granted. At the same time a letter was addressed to the Grand Sire of British America, informing him of the nature of our advices from his jurisdiction, and soliciting a communication from him, that we might be relieved from embarrassment in acting upon the petition of his subordinates, To this letter no reply has been received. The Grand Sire awaited an answer for the space of a month, and again addressed the Subordinate Lodges, instructing them that the incapacity of a Grand Lodge, the nonusance of its powers, or its voluntary dissolution did not dissolve its subordinates ; and that on the occurence of either of these events, the subordinates reverted to the original jurisdiction of the G. L. U. S. They were consequently authorized to continue their work, and make returns to this Grand Lodge. All the correspondence on the subject is herewith submitted, clearly disclosing that the Grand Lodge of British North America has abandoned the duties confided to it, and that on account of its singular deficiency in energy, its dissolution is hailed by its membership, as an auspicious event, rather than a misfortune. A special mission to that jurisdiction may be necessary to reorganize and instruct the existing Lodges. At all events no time should be lost in placing them in the same condition as Lodges in the United State, that they may be enabled to erect Provincial Grand Lodges wherever their interests shall seem to demand them."

The Grand Sire further proceeded to give an unfavorable opinion as to the policy of establishing "independent sovereignties," and held up the failure of the Grand Lodge of B. N. A. as a warning against future experiments of that nature. But in attributing the disasters of Canadian Odd-Fellowship to its independent sovereignty he evidently overlooked other and more potent causes at work in the Provinces, though his conclusions might be excusable from his imperfect acquain-

tance with the state of the Order in the North Country. The brethren of Canada, outside of Montreal, who had good opportunities for judging did not consider the experiment of "independent sovereignties" a failure if we are to judge from the resolutions passed at the Brockville Convention; and the subsequent history of the Order shows that the Supreme Lodge has not adopted the views of Grand Sire Moore.*

The condition of Odd-Fellowship in British America was referred to a Special Committee consisting of Reps. D. P. Barnard, of Northern New York, T. G. Senter, of New Hampshire, and J. R. Mullen, of Massachusetts, who made an extended report on the subject. Giving an epitomized history of the progress of the Order in Canada, and as correct an exhibit of its present condition as could be prepared from the materials at their command they closed their report with the following recommendations: **

We have thus, at great length, given in the language of our British North American brethren, a statement of their condition. It makes an apparent case of non-user, or abandonment of the powers and authority conferred by this Grand Lodge, upon the Grand Lodge of B. N. A., if not of its actual dissolution. But, as yet, full opportunity has not been given to the proper authorities of that Grand Lodge to show cause why its Charter should not be reclaimed, and its authority revoked. We are of the opinion that the M. W. Grand Sire, in person, or by special deputy, should be authorized to proceed to the city of Montreal, and seek an interview with the officers and members there, and in a fraternal manner request them to resume the actual functions of a Grand Lodge, according to their charter, or formally to surrender their powers and authority to this Grand Lodge. That in case of their neglect or refusal to do either, the Grand Sire or his Deputy, may by proclamation reclaim the Charter granted to that Grand Lodge, and formally annul and revoke all its powers and authority, and direct all Subordinate Lodges working under charter from that Grand Lodge to surrender the same, and receive warrants from this Grand Lodge without charge; and that the full power and authority of this Grand Lodge be extended over British North America, in the same manner as if no Grand Charter had ever been issued to the Grand Lodge thereof; and that the District or Territory in British North America, necessary for the jurisdiction of any Grand Lodge hereafter to be chartered, shall be composed of any Province which is under the government of a separate Governor and Provincial Assembly †; and that in case the M. W. Grand Sire shall not be able to attend to the foregoing duties in person, he may commission some suitable person, giving him the whole of the foregoing powers, or such portion thereof, reserving the remainder to himself as to him shall seem proper

The Report of this Committee having been adopted, the New Grand Sire, Wilmot J. De Saussure, endeavored to give it effect as speedily as possible. After communicating with the brethren in the North, to prepare them for his visit, he reached Montreal on the 14th October, and had an interview with the last officers of G. L. of B. N. A. He urged them to resume their labors; but finding that impos-

*As for example the erection of Austria and Germany into "independent sovereignties."

**This was not carried out in the case of the Grand Lodge of the Lower Provinces, which was given jurisdiction over all the maritime Provinces of British North America.

† Journal G. L. U. S., vol 3, p. 2143.

sible, he received from them a formal surrender of their Charter, and in behalf of G. L. U. S., resumed jurisdiction over the British Provinces in the following proclamation :

PROCLAMATION.

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE OF THE M. W. GRAND SIRE, R. W. G. L. U. S.

To all whom it may Concern :

I, WILMOT G. DE SAUSSURE, Most Worthy Grand Sire of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in and for the United States of America, and the Jurisdiction of the Order thereunto belonging, send greeting.

KNOW YE : That whereas the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows, did at its annual Communication, held in the city of Baltimore, on the twenty-fourth day of September, one thousand eight hundred and forty-six, erect into a distinct sovereignty the Grand Lodge of British North America, the same having before that time been subordinate to the said Grand Lodge of the United States ; and whereas, the said Grand Lodge of British North America, having now ceased to exercise all the functions of a Grand Lodge, whereby the Lodges and Encampments subordinate thereto, are without an acknowledged head ; and, whereas, the said Lodges and Encampments located within the territorial limits of British North America, have made application to the Grand Lodge of the United States to resume its original jurisdiction ; and, whereas, the Grand Lodge of the United States having called upon the Grand Lodge of British North America to resume its functions and exercise its authority over the Lodges and Encampments subordinate thereto, or to surrender its authority to the source from which the same emanated ; and, whereas, such call has been met by a surrender of the powers and authorities of the Grand Lodge of British North America—a declaration that the same has ceased to exist :

NOW, THEREFORE KNOW YE, THAT I, WILMOT J. DE SAUSSURE, Most Worthy Grand Sire of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows, under a special authority in me vested by the said Grand Lodge, for that purpose, do hereby make proclamation that the Charter granted to the Grand Lodge of British North America, and declaring the same an Independent Sovereignty, is this day reclaimed, and all powers and authorities vested in the Grand Lodge of British North America, are from this day annulled and revoked ; and a final termination now put to the separate existence of the said Grand Lodge of British North America. And I do further make proclamation that all Lodges and Encampments heretofore subordinate to the said Grand Lodge of British North America, are hereby, and from this day declared no longer subordinate to the said Grand Lodge of British North America, but revert to, and are henceforward under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows ; and that to the same alone shall the said Lodges and Encampments, make their Returns, ask instruction of, receive the work from, or in any other manner and way be governed by, in all things relating to Odd-Fellowship ; and that the said Lodges and Encampments shall be governed by the laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows. And I do further make proclamation that the Lodges and Encampments within the territorial limits of British North America, which may have received Charters from the said Grand Lodge of British North America, are invested with full power and authority to continue their work in as full and ample a manner as though the said Charters had been originally derived from, and granted by this Grand Lodge.

{ L. S. } GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Grand Lodge of the United States, at the city of Montreal, this fourteenth day of October, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-three.

WILMOT G. DE SAUSSURE,
Grand Sire.

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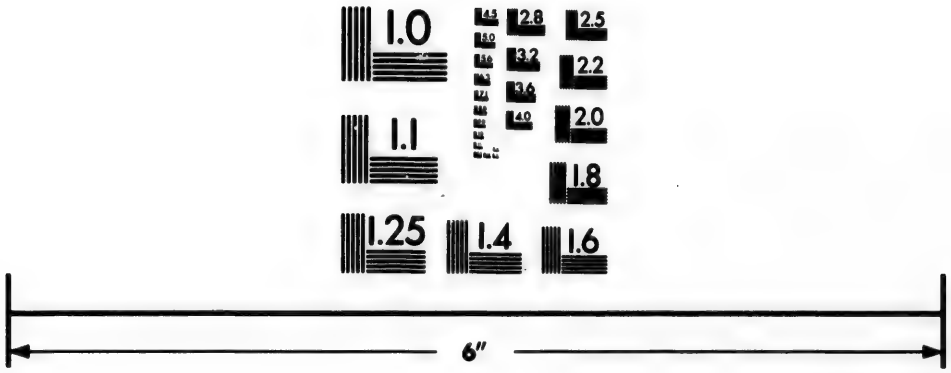

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In view of the large extent of territory embraced in the British Dominions, the Grand Sire thought it advisable to establish three districts : viz ; the Lower Provinces under D. D. G. S. Fuller ; Canada East under D. D. G. S. McLaren ; and Canada West under D. D. G. S. Reynolds. He did not deem it a fitting occasion to visit the different subordinate lodges ; but he gave thorough instructions and sound advice to the brethren in whose charge he had placed the interests of the Order.

What might have been the success of Odd-Fellowship in Canada under this arrangement had it remained undisturbed it is difficult to say. But about this time a new element was introduced into the Order, and a new revival of its interests took place, altogether independent of its past transactions or its present position. The history of Canadian Odd-Fellowship at the close of 1853 and the beginning of 1854 centres round the extreme West.

At this date there were no lodges of our Order in the western part of the Province ; but the Manchester Unity was comparatively strong. The manner in whith the business of the society was conducted, however, gave rise to considerable dissatisfaction. There was an extravagant expenditure of funds, and no trustworthy audit of financial affairs could be obtained. The dissatisfaction appeared to culminate at a meeting of the society held in Chatham in 1853. It was in the days before railroads, at a time when it was not unusual for travellers to get out of their coaches, walk a few miles, and then sit down to rest until their slow-moving conveyance caught up. Returning home from the Chatham meeting, disheartened with the prospects of the society, two Representatives of the London lodges—Wm. Bissell and Wm. Smith—sat down on a wayside bank to discuss the situation. They loved Odd-Fellowship, but within their own ranks they did not find its principles practised ; and their thoughts naturally turned to the American Order, of which they had all heard. Probably Bro. Bissell's personal acquaintance with Dr. Reynolds may have had something to do in pointing the brethren in this direction. The result of their deliberations, however, was to open up communications with the authorities of our Institution; and finally a number of the lodges of the M. U. decided to go over to the American Order.

But the Western applicants for admission into the Order did not have the path smoothed over for them, as it had been for the Lodges instituted eight years before. In the case of the earlier Lodges, the Grand Lodge sent out its officials, and conferred the degrees on the applicants at their own homes. Those who wanted to be Odd-Fellows were put to no trouble nor expense ; all red tape knots were untied for their accommodation, laws and rules were but slightly regarded.

Everything possible was done to give them an easy entrance. But the Western applicants had a different experience. Everything was done in strict accordance with the letter of the law. The authorities were pleased to receive them, but relaxed no rules on their behalf. They had to go and get their degrees from the nearest Lodge, make their application in regular form, and be instituted in accordance with the general laws. From London the applicants took a stage-coach ride of one hundred miles, in the early winter, to St. Catharines, to become qualified as applicants for a dispensation ; from Chatham and Amherstburg, they went to Detroit ; later, from Brantford a deputation went to Buffalo for the same purpose. And an increase during the next year of seven new Lodges in the West, as a result of this movement, shewed that an adherence to law and order is not by any means an obstacle to a Society. The new Odd-Fellows had to work hard and pay dear for their privileges, and they appreciated them none the less on that account.

Bro. Wm. Bissell, who has been referred to, may justly be deemed the founder of American Odd-Fellowship in the western part of the Province of Canada West. He was one of the first to turn the attention of the dissatisfied members of the Manchester Unity towards the kindred Order ; his personal acquaintance with Deputy Grand Sire Reynolds enabled him to place them in speedy communication with the proper authorities ; while his energy and zeal were of incalculable value, not only in pushing on the preliminary arrangements for introducing the new order of things, but in carrying on the work subsequently.

Bro. Bissell was born in the township of Augusta, near Brockville, November 2nd, 1807. In 1838 he removed to London, where he was for a long time engaged in the manufacture of furniture and building material. Subsequently he was in the seed trade. When the new lodge was organized in London, in 1854, he was chosen first Treasurer. In January, 1856, he was elected N. G., and the same year went as representative to the Grand Lodge, attending the annual session in August, and there receiving the appointment of D. D G, M. for the county of Middlesex. Thinking London large enough to support two lodges, he exerted himself to secure the organization of a second Lodge, and was soon successful. In his capacity as D. D. G. M. he was enabled on the 9th of February, 1857, to institute Forest City Lodge, No. 38; and soon after its organization, he withdrew from the parent Lodge to give the younger the benefit of his services—no small assistance to it, in its early days. During the next few years, Bro. Bissell was repeatedly sent as a Representative to the Grand Lodge, and at the session of 1861, in St. Thomas, his associates showed their appreciation of his services and their confidence in his skill by electing him to the responsible position of Grand Master—an

office which he filled with credit to himself and with profit to the Fraternity.

Bro. Bissell's labors in connection with Odd-Fellowship were constant and tireless. Honest and upright, warm-hearted and benevolent, he found himself in full natural accord with the great fraternal and moral principles of our Order. As long as he was able, he was a constant attendant at the meetings of his Lodge and Encampment, as well as of the Grand Lodge; but with advancing years physical infirmities grew upon him, and confined him to his home. His latter days, however, were cheered by the prosperous advance of the Order he loved so well. The one lodge he helped to open in 1854 became the mother of probably not less than fifty; and in his own city the five brethren who applied for the Charter of the first Lodge had multiplied till their number reached nearly a thousand. Surrounded by many friends and brethren, his last hours were spent as happy and as peaceful as his physical sufferings would permit; and on the 4th of November, 1878, he passed away to his final rest.

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THE TWELFTH YEAR—1854.

The immediate result of the movement referred to in the close of last year's record was the application for dispensations from Chatham, Amherstburg and London. The petitions were granted during the last week in December; the first in numerical order being ROSE, No. 28, at Amherstburg.

The dispensation for No. 28 had been entrusted to Dr. Isaac Smith, P. G., of Detroit, who, in company with Grand Secretary Lane, of Michigan, and other brethren, performed the duty assigned him by instituting the lodge on the 23rd January, 1854. The elective officers were: Henry Mears, N. G.; Joseph Hackett, V. G.; Wm. Sinclair, P. S.; Alex. Hackett, R. S.; and Wm. E. Archer, Treasurer.

Bro. Smith had also received the dispensation for CHATHAM, No. 29, and proceeded to institute that lodge on the 25th January. The charter members were: John T. Delmage, N. G.; Miles Miller, V. G.; Seymour Stephenson, R. S.; James Higgins, P. S.; Geo. Turnbull, Treas., and John L. Davis, W., who, with the charter members of No. 28, had been initiated in Olive Branch, No. 38, Detroit.

The petition from London bore the signatures of Wm. Bissell,

Wm. Smith, Henry C. Hughes, Geo. W. Ashton and James Westland. The institution of the new Lodge, by name EUREKA No. 30, was conducted on the 31st January, by P. G. Conner, St. Catharines, assisted by P. G.'s Rev. J. E. Ryerson, J. R. Cook, J. W. Armstrong and A. V. Lambert, of the same place. The elected Officers were: Wm. Smith, N. G., Geo. W. Ashton, V. G., H. C. Hughes, Sec., Jas. Westland, P. S., and Wm. Bissell, Treas. With these brethren, and with the 16 members received by initiation the first night, Eureka Lodge No. 30, started out on a career which has been a continuous success.

Among the first to petition for a dispensation had been the members of Loyal Morpeth Lodge of the M. U. But as it was necessary for the applicants first to become initiated, and regularly qualified, nothing could be done for a time. The necessary arrangements, however, were made as quickly as possible, and when Dr. Smith visited Chatham to institute No. 29, he was enabled also to open Morpeth Lodge No. 31, The application was by Hiram Bell, John Addeman, Jas. Cady, Robt. Buller, Henry Buller, Wm. Cowan, W. R. Fellows. The institution took place in Chatham on the 24th January, by permission of D. D. G. S. Reynolds. Jno. Addeman was chosen N. G., Jas. Cady, V. G., Hiram Bell, Sec., W. R. Fellows, Treas.‡

Soon after, an application was received from St. Thomas, from Bros. Geo. W. Morgan, W. H. Cameron, Geo. T. Claris, A. J. Allworth, Wm. Ross and D. Drake. These brethren had all been initiated for the purpose in Eureka Lodge, excepting Bro. Morgan, who had formerly been a member of Tecumseh, No. 15, of Toronto. P. G. Conner, of No. 16, who had instituted the Lodge in London, was also assigned to duty in St. Thomas, and on the 5th May opened ELGIN LODGE, No. 32. The elective officers were: Geo. W. Morgan, N. G.; G. T. Claris, V. G.; A. J. Allworth, Sec.; D. Drake, P. S.; Wm. H. Cameron, Treas.

Elgin Lodge had not been long established before a movement was made to extend the Order into Port Burwell; and in June the following gentlemen came to St. Thomas to be qualified as petitioners, viz.: W. A. Glover, Alex. McBride, David Merrill, John S. Tracy, Paul Marlatt. Though the application was forwarded immediately, and the dispensation granted, ERIE LODGE, No. 33, was not opened until the 6th Oct. following,

In Canada East, Bro. McLaren had been unable to make any progress. He had only one Lodge under his jurisdiction, Albion No. 4; and though there had been some few additions to the membership, there was an under current of dissatisfaction steadily moving, and a

‡For particulars relating to institution of Nos. 28, 29 and 31, we are indebted to P. G. Dr. Isaac Smith, of Detroit.

growing desire on the part of many members to wind up their affairs and disband.

The Maritime Provinces shewed a better record; the Halifax brethren were enthusiastic and their Deputy zealous, and as a consequence two new lodges were organized in the summer of 1854 in Nova Scotia, viz.: EASTERN STAR, No. 34, at Pictou, and COBEQUID, No. 35, at Truro. At this date the authorities appeared still to consider British America as one jurisdiction, and thus the number of the lodges instituted followed each other in regular order according to the date of dispensation, irrespective of the provinces in which they were located. Some of the old style of irregularity was exhibited in the institution of the Nova Scotia lodges, for the District Deputy took it upon himself to grant the dispensations and open the lodges. However, on explanations being made and the proper applications forwarded to Baltimore, the offence was pardoned.

When the G. L. U. S. assembled in Baltimore this year the reports from British America indicated cheering progress. The Grand Sire recounted in full the results of his mission, as already given. After complimenting highly the District Deputies to whose charge he had committed the Order in the North, he offered the following suggestions for action in the premises:*

"The confusion and disorder arising from the cessation of the Grand Lodge of British North America, has produced among the Lodges now in existence much imperfect work; and I was earnestly requested in October last, to visit the Lodges and instruct in the work. I did not think the occasion appropriate, or transcending the instructions given me by this body, I should have done so. But the time has now come when a visitor, specially deputed from this Grand Lodge, should visit each Lodge and Encampment in British North America. Apart from the necessity of communicating instruction in the work, much may now be done to increase the Order. The cheering effect from a visitor from this body, will give increased zeal to the brethren, raise the energies of such as flag, and draw, I doubt not, many to our side. In all of the reports submitted to you, urgent solicitation is made for such a visitor; and I earnestly recommend that such a visitor be sent thither immediately upon the adjournment of this communication; and I would specially recommend that such visitor be invested with authority to collect the books now in the hands of the past officers in Montreal, and return them to the proper Officer of this Body."

The Grand Sire's course was fully endorsed, and he was instructed to visit Canada again or send a Special Deputy. Charters were also granted to all the new Lodges from No. 28, to No. 35, inclusive; while Acadia No. 26, received a new Charter as a substitute for the one originally granted it by the G. L. of B. N. A.

* Journal G. L. U. S., vol. 3, p. 2212.

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At this session a petition was presented from Geo. Varey, James Woodyatt, John Cameron, A. B. Currier and Thomas Broughton, of Brantford, who had qualified themselves as petitioners by a trip to Buffalo. The application was favorably considered, and a Charter issued for GORE LODGE No. 34, which was instituted on the 27th of December.

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THE THIRTEENTH YEAR—1855.

In accordance with the action of the G. L. U. S., Grand Sire De-Saussure prepared for another trip to British America, immediately after the close of the session 1854. But the appearance of a fatal epidemic in Charleston, where he resided, rendered it advisable for him to remain at home and bear a share of the burdens imposed upon his fellow citizens. He therefore notified the Canadian Brethren that he would be with them in the following Spring. But circumstances again interfered to prevent the accomplishment of his purpose. In April, 1855, a severe domestic affliction within the brief space of a month carried away to the grave three members of his family; and in his bereavement he naturally felt that the duty devolved upon him in connection with the Order in British America, could be more agreeably performed by deputy. In his place, however, he sent two brothers well qualified for the work. Grand Secretary Ridgely went to Canada; and Bro. Wm. Ellison, of Massachusetts, Grand Sire elect, went to the Lower Provinces. The proceedings of these two brothers can best be gathered from a few extracts from their own reports presented to the G. L. U. S. at its session following. Bro. Ridgely's report was an extended document, entering largely into the subject. The Grand Sire had originally delegated the entire work to this eminent brother; but finding that it would be difficult in any reasonable time to accomplish the task, the mission to Nova Scotia was entrusted to P. G. M. Ellison. After detailing preliminary movements the Grand Secretary continues.*

"The undersigned proceeded on the 21st of June to the Canadas, and having reached Montreal, immediately set on foot enquiries concerning the existence of our Order in that city. After a day of fruitless enquiry, no trace whatever of Odd-Fellowship could be found. I determined therefore to defer, until my return from Quebec, all further search. This course was influenced by my inability to find Past Grand Sire Whitney, who was absent from Montreal, and the certainty that

*Journal G. L. U. S., vol. 3, p. 2405—2412.

ample information could be obtained at Quebec as to the name and locality of many of the former prominent Odd-Fellows of Montreal. I departed on the following day for Quebec, which I had the good fortune to reach on the 24th. In this ancient and remarkable city I found the warm heart and cordial grasp of the Odd-Fellow prompt to welcome and greet me upon my arrival.

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"It was, however, in some degree despiriting to learn the narrative of the trials and difficulties to which the Order had been subjected, and which had driven the membership from the lodge-room. The Order, although in feeble health, numbered a band of gallant spirits who were pledged to preserve it against all odds. It had been abandoned by an unnatural parent, the G. L. of B. N. A., at a moment when it most required its fostering care; it had been assailed by a two-fold antagonism: an enemy from within its own fold, viz., apathy and indifference, and an enemy from without, viz., intolerance and a bitter religious prosecution These had reduced the lodges in the entire province to but one, and the membership of this one to but sixty or seventy in number. But this indomitable band, partaking of the nature and character of their own impregnable city, had successfully resisted the combined enemy, and had preserved for Odd-Fellowship a firm foothold and existence, and had solemnly pledged themselves to its maintenance. This lodge—Albion, No. 1—continued to assemble, although barely sufficient members could sometimes be got together to work the lodge. The entire membership which survived, about sixty, nevertheless discharged all other duties as Odd-Fellows, with strict fidelity; every claim upon the body for the sick or distressed, the widow or orphan, and every appeal to the charity of the lodge, were promptly and effectively met—the treasury being most ample at all times, and now reaching some five hundred pounds. This lodge commended itself to me as a noble illustration of Odd-Fellowship, and inspired me with the deepest interest in its reaction and future prosperity.

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"The subject of the formation of a Grand Lodge for the District was brought to the notice of the lodge, and was most gladly responded to. Steps were taken for the revival of Lodge No. 2 of that city,* which the undersigned earnestly encouraged. The Degree of Rebekah was conferred, and gave great satisfaction. The undersigned authorized the District Deputy to reorganize No. 2 without the form of application to the Executive of the Order; the said lodge, although nominally defunct, having never surrendered its charter or books, the possession of which was retained by the last presiding officer. In this connection also I recommended a correspondence with the Brotherhood in Montreal with a review to the revival of the Order, and promised them the hearty co-operation of the Grand Lodge of the United States in that behalf. Before leaving I took occasion again to impress upon them the great importance of a Grand Lodge for the District, to advise them to work earnestly to that end as the means of putting them in close fellowship with us, thus deriving from our example and energy proper instructions and incentives to carry forward the true mission of the Order

*Mercantile, No. 21, which proposed assuming the number "2" on the roll. Albion was No. 1.

in Canada East. I left them a gratified and delighted Brotherhood, thoroughly impressed with the conviction that a connection with the G. L. U. S. was best suited to their condition, and ambitious for a representation in that body at an early moment.

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"The city of Montreal was reached on the 28th of June; and my inquiries were at once resumed as to the condition of the Order in that city, and the practicability of its revival. I had the pleasure of meeting at an early moment, with Bro. Whitney, a Past Grand Sire of the G. L. of B. N. A., and a Past Grand Representative of the G. L. U. S. This distinguished brother was highly gratified to meet me, and upon hearing the recital of my visit to Quebec and my present purpose at Montreal was at once re-inspired with his former enthusiasm in Odd-Fellowship, and without a moment's delay entered with me most cordially into the business in hand. He accompanied me to the residences and places of business of several of the most prominent members of the defunct lodges of that city, each of whom he most earnestly invoked to return to the fold of the Order. Every brother thus addressed without exception, responded favorably to his appeal; and an informal meeting was arranged for immediate action. I had the pleasure to receive an application for a new lodge, to be called Phœnix Lodge, No. 3, and to grant a temporary warrant for the establishment of the lodge, subject to your approbation. The dispensation to institute the Lodge was committed to P. G. S. Whitney, in whose charge it is hardly necessary for me to say it was safely reposed. I remark, in this connection, that the establishment of a new lodge, instead of reviving one of the old lodges, was suggested in consequence of the possible conflict as to which name or number should be selected; and the adoption of the name was influenced by the same spirit to embrace in the new lodge all the surviving membership of the old. I regret to say that at the present the prospects of the new lodge are not flattering; but it is believed that the revival of the Order in Quebec, its great success in Canada West, and the daily increasing business and social intercourse between Montreal and the United States will combine to revive the energies of the Brotherhood, and to lead it on to prosperity.

"I left the city of Montreal on the 29th June, for Canada West, and reached Brockville, upon lake Ontario, the residence of D. D. Grand Sire Thomas Reynolds. This distinguished brother * * * * apprised in season of my approach, had telegraphed several of the lodges in his immediate vicinity, requesting them to appear by representatives at Brockville, on a day fixed, for the purpose of considering the subject of the formation of a Grand Lodge for Canada West. This request was not generally responded to, in consequence of the difficulty of assembling special sessions of the lodges; it was therefore suggested that each lodge should act upon the subject independently; and transmit the result to the office of the Grand Corresponding Secretary. This course was pursued, and, as will be seen in the sequel, resulted successfully. On the evening of the day of my arrival a special meeting of Brock Lodge was called, which was numerously attended. * * The evening was devoted to thorough instruction in the work, and at a late hour the lodge, highly delighted and improved, closed its session, having by a unanimous vote approved the formation of a Grand Lodge. On the following day, I conferred upon D. D. G. S. Reynolds the Grand

Lodge Degree and the Degree of Rebekah, and imparted such instructions as to the form of organizing and working a Grand Lodge as was necessary to enable him to acquit himself of this service."

The Grand Secretary proceeds to give the details of his visit to St. Catharines and London; of his pleasant intercourse with the Western Brethren, and their hearty approval of a proposal to form a Grand Lodge for the Province. Enough has been given, however, of his report to show his exertions in the direction of the reorganization of the jurisdiction. In regard to Canada West, he expressed himself confidently as to its future; believing that in a short time it would have for its head "one of the strongest Grand Lodges in the Confederacy"—an expectation which he has lived to see fully realized.

Turning eastward now to the Maritime Provinces, a portion of the report of P. G. Master Ellison's visit may be appropriately given.* Calling to his aid Bro. Alfred Mudge, Grand Secretary of Massachusetts, whose previous acquaintance with the Nova Scotia Odd-Fellows rendered him an especially suitable companion, Bro. Ellison started on his mission in the month of July.

"Upon our arrival at Halifax we were immediately waited upon by D. D. G. S. Fuller, who informed us that a complimentary banquet had been prepared for our reception; and on the afternoon of Friday, July 30th, we took a train of cars and soon found ourselves under a spacious pavillion some four miles from the city. The company assembled was not confined to members of the Fraternity, but numbered some of the most distinguished citizens of Halifax. A most friendly and fraternal interchange of international courtesies took place, which cannot but have a healthy influence upon the Order. A special meeting of Acadia Lodge was called at 3 o'clock p. m. on the following day, and I found the attendance quite large. I took occasion to make some remarks to the brethren upon the object of the visit, and endeavored to express the warm interest felt by the Grand Lodge of the United States for the members of the Order in British North America.

I instructed them in the work of the Order, and advised with them upon the propriety of establishing a Grand Lodge in their District. This was very favorably received by them, and they appointed delegates to meet the other lodges in convention to discuss the subject of the establishment of a Grand Lodge. Upon the following Monday we started for Pictou by stage-coach (110 miles), stopping at Truro, visiting and instructing Cobequid Lodge located there. Upon our arrival at Pictou a special meeting of Eastern Star Lodge was called, at which all but two members were present, and those two were detained by sickness at home. The lodge opened in the usual form, and I was much pleased with the very correct manner in which they worked. This lodge is composed of men of intelligence and character, under whose determined resolution the cause must prosper. I addressed them upon the subject of the fraternal relations existing between the Odd-Fellows of British North America and those in the States, and after-

*Journal G. S. U. S., Vol. 3, p. 2412.

wards instructed them in the work of the Order, which they received with a great degree of kindness and courtesy. At their request I conferred the Third, Fourth and Fifth Degrees upon their members. After the adjournment a few hours were spent in social converse, and we took our departure for Halifax, accompanied by representatives from Pictou and Truro. Upon arriving at Halifax the delegates met in convention and voted a petition for a Grand Lodge of the District of the Lower Provinces, to be located at Halifax. I issued a dispensation, and, after conferring the Grand Lodge Degrees, proceeded with the assistance of Bro. Mudge to institute a Grand Lodge. An election of officers followed, and afterwards the installation."

The Grand Lodge of the Lower Provinces of B. N. A., the senior of the present Canadian Grand Lodges, was instituted by P. G. M. Ellison on the 26th July, 1855. The representatives present at its opening were :

Acadia, No. 26.—E. G. Fuller, C. H. Hamilton, W. F. Knight, Wm. Grant, jr., Robert Boak, jr., Thos. Abbott, Wm. J. Williams, Samuel C. West, and David Ross.

Eastern Star No. 34,——Daniel Dickson.

Cobequid No. 35,—Charles Bent.

After its institution, the following Officers were installed.

C. H. Hamilton,—Grand Master.
Thomas Abbott,—Deputy Grand Master.
Daniel Dickson,—Grand Warden.
S. C. West,—Grand Secretary.
W. J. Williams,—Grand Treasurer.
Chas. Bent,—Grand Chaplain.
E. G. Fuller,—Grand Representative.
Wm. Grant,—Grand Marshal.
D. Ross,—Grand Conductor,
W. F. Knight,—Grand Guardian.

Bro. Ellison's visit to Nova Scotia, and his establishment of a Grand Lodge, was a task not performed in vain. From the introduction of the Order in 1851, there had always been some live Odd-Fellows in the Province. But the chief support of the society in its early days was E. G. Euller, the first N. G. of Acadia Lodge. He was a native of Massachusetts, and had become an Odd-Fellow in that State. He not only introduced the Order into Nova Scotia, but he was its most active member ; and was always looked on as the representative man. D. D. G. S. under the G. L. of B. N. A., and subsequently under the G. L. U. S., he was chosen the first Representative of his jurisdiction in the latter body. This position he held for several terms. He was also the second Grand Master of his Province. He subsequently moved to Souris, P. E. I., where he died in October, 1870, at the age of 58.

With men like Bro. Fuller at its head, the Order in the Maritime Provinces had special advantrges. For a time, however, the Grand Lodge found its course far from easy. Shortly after its institution it re-numbered its Subordinates (Acadia No. 1, Eastern Star No. 2 and Cobequid No. 3); and made a few additions: Hamilton No. 4, at Lunenberg, in 1856; Fuller No. 5, at Stellarton, in 1858, and Norton No. 6, at New Glasgow, in 1859. Then for ten years there ensued a period of great depression. Only three Lodges, Nos. 2, 5 and 6, were in opertion the greater portion of this time; but they remained steadfast; and the Grand Lodge had at last the satisfaction of establishing Odd-Fellowship on a firm and enduring basis. In 1878 it controlled 29 Lodges in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, with a membership of 2500; and its prospects were then as bright as those of any sister jurisdiction in the Dominion.

In Canada East Grand Secretary Ridgely's labors were fruitless. As will be seen from his report, Albion, No. 4, had assumed the first place on the roll, and called itself No. 1. The Mercantile, No. 19, had never surrendered its books and charter, though it had been practically defunct for some time. The D. D. G. S. was authorized to revive it as No. 2, but it never revived. In Montreal P. G. Sire Whitney and the other members of the Order interviewed by Bro. Ridgely had not been "re-inspired with their former enthusiasm," as he had hoped. They were only temporarily galvanized into some show of activity, which disappeared with the Grand Secretary's departure from the city. The Phœnix, No. 3, for which a dispensation was granted, proved to be a still-born Phœnix. The Order was too far gone for any remedy to be effectual. Albion, in Quebec, continued its existence for a few years longer, and then dissolved. D. D. G. S. McLaren was earnest in his efforts to keep life in the organization, but he was alone in the work, and his own death a few years after removed the last stay of the Order in his jurisdiction.

James McLaren had been one of the most efficient laborers in Odd-Fellowship in the city of Quebec. When the Order was fashionable there were plenty anxious to bear the honors and to occupy prominent places in its councils; but when the excitement ceased and the novelty wore off, it required men of Bro. McLaren's stamp to keep the banner flying. He was chosen to fill a subordinate office in the Grand Lodge of Quebec at its organization in 1847, and every year found him a regular attendant. For the last few years of its existence he was the only representative from Quebec. Faithful among many faithless, he held fast to the colors; and when in 1853 the G. L. U. S. resumed jurisdiction over British America, his appointment as Deputy Grand Sire for

Canada East was not only a just tribute to his worth, but was really the only hope for Odd-Fellowship in his section. All his efforts, however, were in vain. In 1857, when Dr. Reynolds was calling the Grand Lodge of Canada West to meet in London, Bro. McLaren wrote:

"Although envy is a sin, I feel almost inclined to commit it when I see the position you occupy in respect to our beloved Order. Your circular calling the meeting of the Grand Lodge has caused me some pain, as it arrived at a time when we were about committing suicide, and by the time your meeting is held we shall be no more."

A few days after, he perished on board the ill-fated steamer *Montreal*. At the same time Albion Lodge divided up its funds among the members and disbanded. Bro. McLaren was highly esteemed by those with whom he came in contact;* and in Quebec where he had charge of the jail, there were none more respected than he. In the words of one of the city papers chronicling his death:

"He was a man who proved by his example that intellect can elevate, and Christianity soften the vigor of any office; who brought to the management of a jail an amount of judgment, sagacity, resolute intrepidity, and the power of methodical arrangement, which might have sufficed for the command of a fleet or the generalship of an army."

From the death of Bro. McLaren and the dissolution of Albion Lodge, Odd-Fellowship had no existence in the Province, until the organization of Mount Royal Lodge, No. 1, in Montreal, on the 13th Dec., 1870; and then a new *regime* began. Of the old members of the Order, J. C. Becket, the last Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Montreal, Wm. Hilton and Dr. A. H. David, united themselves again with the Fraternity; but with the exception of Bro. Becket, took no active part in its operations. Under new men, a newer, and it is to be trusted a more enduring order of things was established. Lodges and membership slowly but steadily increased; and in June of 1878, the Order in Canada East, (or Quebec Province), consisted of the following lodges: M't. Royal, No. 1; St. Lawrence, No. 2; Mizpah No. 3; Duke of Edinburgh, No. 4; Albert, No. 5; all located in Montreal; and Beaver, No. 6, Point St. Charles; Pioneer, No. 7, Richmond; and Unity, No. 8, Sherbrooke.

At the session of the G. L. U. S. this year, the petition of the Quebec brethren, for a Charter for a Grand Lodge, was granted; and on the 30th October, P. G. M. Cl. T. Campbell, of Ontario, as Special Deputy, instituted the Grand Lodge of Quebec with the following officers:

WALES L. LEE, No. 5, Grand Master.
WM. BOUTELLE, No. 8, Dep. Grand Master.
LYON SILVERMAN, No. 1, Grand Warden.
A. A. MURPHY, No. 4, Grand Secretary.

* Journal G. L. U. S., Vol. 3, p. 2761; Journal C. W., Vol. 1, pp. 22-28.

J. H. Field, No. 2, Grand Treasurer.
J. C. Beckett, P. G. M., Grand Chaplain.
A. A. Maver, No. 3, Grand Marshall.
T. H. Christmas, No. 4, Grand Conductor.
H. A. Jackson, No. 4, Grand Guardian.
A. A. Murphy, Grand Representative.

In Canada West D. D. G. S. Reynolds lost no time in carrying out the instructions left with him by the Grand Secretary. Corresponding with the lodges in the Province and obtaining their hearty concurrence in the proposed establishment of a Grand Lodge, he summoned them to meet in Brockville on the 23rd of August, 1855. On that day the following delegates appeared:

Brock, No. 9.—Wm. Fitzsimmons, Geo. Sherwood.

Ontario, No. 12.—A. Dixon.

Union, No. 16.—Chauncey Yale, G. W. Morgan, John R. Cook, N. Riggins, Thos. Fletcher.

Industry, No. 25.—Chas. E. Ewing.

Eureka, No. 30.—Geo. W. Ashton.

Elgin, No. 32.—Geo. T. Claris.

Erie, No. 33.—W. A. Glover.

Gore, No. 34.—John Cameron, B. F. VanBrocklin.

These brethren constituted "The Grand Lodge of Canada West" at its first session, and had the following for their first Grand Officers:

Dr. Reynolds, Grand Master.
C. Yale, Deputy Grand Master.
J. Cameron, Grand Warden.
A. Dixon, Grand Secretary.
G. T. Claris, Grand Treasurer.
Dr. Reynolds, Grand Representative.
Geo. Sherwood, Grand Marshal.
C. E. Ewing, Grand Conductor.
Wm. Fitzsimmons, Grand Guardian.

In selecting Dr. Reynolds as the first occupant of the Grand Master's chair the delegates shewed their appreciation of his services to the Order, as well as of his fitness for the position.

Bro. Reynolds was born at Brockville on the 17th of October, 1820, his parents coming from the north of Ireland in the previous year. Educated at the District Grammar School in his native town, at the age of sixteen he was sent to study medicine with the late Dr. Stephenson, of Montreal. When the rebellion of 1837-'38 commenced he enlisted as a volunteer and served for some time in Montreal. Re-

turning to Upper Canada and being instrumental in raising a company for the "Queen's Royal Borderers" stationed at Brockville, he received a subaltern's commission, and was present at the battle of the Windmill fought near Prescott in November, 1838. In this engagement he won the commendation of the British commander, Colonel Young, and was offered a commission in Her Majesty's regular army. This offer was subsequetly renewed to him when at college in Edinburgh, but he steadily declined the honor, preferring to prosecute his medical studies. In 1839 he went to Scotland and entered the University of Edinburgh as a medical student, where, passing his examination with credit, he received the degree of M. B. He then returned to Canada and entered McGill College, Montreal, where he received the degree of M. D. in 1842. Settling in his native town he acquired a very extensive practice and much more than a local reputation as a skilled physician and surgeon. A member of the Medical Board for Upper Canada and one of the Medical Examiners to the University of Toronto, he held these positions to the time of his death ; a logical, clear and convincing writer, he was a contributor to the medical journals of the day, furnished several papers for the Smithsonian Institute at Philadelphia and the Canadian Institute at Toronto, and was the author of some important and very much appreciated essays on literary and scientific subjects. An accurate thinker, he carefully considered a subject before writing or speaking upon it ; yet if called upon without preparation he was blunt, ready and forcible. Possessed of a suave manner, he was capable of swaying the feelings and enlisting the sympathies of his audience ; hence outside of his profession he wielded a very important influence, and was ever foremost in furthering the interests of his fellow-townsmen materially, socially and morally.

Bro. Reynolds was initiated into Brock Lodge, March 6, 1846, and was chosen Noble Grand in the ensuing October. An enthusiastic member of the Order, in his private and professional life he daily practiced the cardinal virtues of benevolence and charity. His face was never turned away from the poor and helpless, and it was his constant aim to see that the principles of the Order were practiced in accordance with their design and purity.*

Dr. Reynolds filled the office of Grand Master with unwavering zeal and faithfulness, until the session in Brantford, in August, 1858, when the pressure of personal engagements compelled him to decline re-election,and he gave up his place to Bro.Chauncey Yale, of St. Catharines. When the Grand Lodge met next year in Cobourg, Bro. Reynolds was seriously ill. The laborious duties of an extensive country

*For this sketch of P. G. M. Reynolds, we are indebted to P. G. Jno. F. Woods, Brockville.

practice had gradually undermined a constitution never robust; and under a severe cold, caught in a night ride through a rain storm, he at last broke down. In the Grand Lodge his brethren remembered him by a vote of sympathy, and a unanimous expression of hope for his recovery. Their sympathy cheered him; but their hope was vain. He died on the 14th September, 1859; and when next the brethren met the grass was growing green over the grave of this true Odd-Fellow.

At the organization of the Grand Lodge of Canada West, the Order in the Province numbered twelve lodges, with a membership of a little over five hundred. But, though few in number, the material was good. They had much to contend with—indifference within, opposition without; and, not least of all, a time of unparalleled commercial depression. Some of the Lodges succumbed to adverse circumstances; but new ones were formed to take their places, Among the twelve that were placed under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada West, the Lodges in Cobourg, Grafton, Caledonia, Amherstburg, Morpeth and St. Thomas—just half the number—died after a struggle more or less protracted. But the Grand Lodge never faltered in its work; and in the year 1878, with 180 lodges, whose membership reached 12,-571, and whose annual revenue exceeded $100,000, it stood among its sister jurisdictions not the least wealthy and influential. Twelfth in the list in numerical strength, and ninth in the extent of its income, the old Grand Lodge of Canada West, under its present honored name of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, bears bravely aloft the banner of FRIENDSHIP, LOVE AND TRUTH.

APPENDIX.

LODGES IN BRITISH AMERICA PRIOR TO ORGANIZATION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF CANADA WEST.

UNDER G. L. U. S.

No	Name.	Location.	Date of Institution	Condition.
1	Prince of Wales.	Montreal, C. E.	August 10, 1843	Died March, 1853.
2	Queen's	Montreal, C. E.	December 4, 1843	Died March, 1853.
3	Prince Albert	St. John, C. E	February 15, 1844	Died in 1852.

UNDER G. L. OF C.

No	Name.	Location.	Date of Institution	Condition.
4	Albion	Quebec, C. E.	November 20, 1844	Died July, 1857.
5	Commercial	Montreal, C. E.	December 5, 1844	Died March, 1853.
6	Victoria	Belleville, C. W.	June 17, 1845	Died July, 1853.
7	Oriental	Stanstead, C. E.	July 29, 1845	Died in 1851.
8	Canada	Montreal, C. E.	March 13, 1846	Died January, 1849.
9	Brock	Brockville, C.W.	March 5, 1846	Still alive
10	Cataraqui	Kingston, C. W.	March 7, 1846	Died in 1850, resuscitated Aug. 7, 1875.
11	Prince Edward	Picton, C. W.	March 9, 1846	Died December, 1851.
12	Ontario	Cobourg, C. W.	March 10, 1846	Died June, 1861.
13	Otonabee	Peterboro', C.W	March 11, 1846	Died in 1850.
14	Hope	Port Hope, C.W.	March 12, 1846	Died April, 1849.
15	Tecumseh	Toronto, C. W.	March 14, 1846	Died October, 1849.
16	Union	St. Catharines	March 17, 1846	Still living.
17	Burlington	Hamilton, C. W.	March 19, 1846	Died July, 1848.
18	St. Francis	Cornwall, C. W.	April 2, 1846	Died November, 1851.
19	Mercantile	Quebec, C. E.	April 7, 1846	Died February, 1853.
20	Ottawa	Bytown, C. W.	August 2, 1846	Died in 1853.

UNDER G. L. OF B. N. A.

No	Name.	Location.	Date of Institution	Condition.
21	Home	Toronto, C. W.	March 18, 1847	Died March 7, 1849.
22	Phœnix	Oshawa, C. W.	March 29, 1847	Died April, 1849.
23	Wellington	Wellington, C.W	December 28, 1847	Died July, 1851.
24	Beaver	Lloydtown, C.W.	March 1, 1848	Died 1849.
25	Oxford	Woodstock, C.W	May, 1849	Died 1849-50.
25	Industry	Haldimand, C.W	June 13, 1850	Died May 3, 1859.
26	Acadia	Halifax, N. S.	January 18, 1851	Died in 1867.
27	Victoria	Caledonia, C. W.	June 8, 1852	Died February 1856.

UNDER G. L. U. S.

No	Name.	Location.	Date of Institution	Condition.
28	Rose	Amherstburg	January 23, 1854	Died '58, resusitated
29	Chatham	Chatham, C. W.	January 25, 1854	Still living [May 6,'75
30	Eureka	London, C. W.	February 2, 1854	Still living.
31	Morpeth	Morpeth, C. W.	January 26, 1854	Died in 1857.
32	Elgin	St. Thomas, C.W.	May 5, 1854	Died '62, resuscitated
33	Erie	Port Burwell	October 6, 1854	Still living[June 20'78
34	Gore	Brantford, C. W.	December 27, 1854	Still living.
34	Eastern Star	Picton, N. S.	1854	Still living, No 2, L.P.
35	Cobequid	Truro, N. S.	1854	Died in 1856. [B.N.A.

SUBORDINATE ENCAMPMENTS.

No	Name.	Location.	Date of Institution	Condition.
1	Hochelaga	Montreal	April 2, 1844	All of the Encampments ceased working during or before 1852, except No. 9, which continued in operation until 1861.
2	Stadacona	Quebec	October, 1844	
3	Royal Mount	Montreal	March 21, 1846	
4	St. Louis	Quebec	June 9, 1846	
5	Wellington	Toronto	September, 1846	
6	Mount Hebron	Peterboro'	October 24, 1846	
7	Tomifobi	Stanstead	March 30, 1847	
8	Moira	Belleville	February 25, 1847	
9	Mamberton	Halifax	January, 1852	

GRAND MASTERS OF G. L. OF CANADA.

Name.	Residence.	Date of Installation.
*Wm. M. B. Hartley,.....	Montreal.....	November 16, 1844.
Wm. Rodden,.....	"	August 6, 1845.
*R. H. Hamilton,.....	"	August 5, 1846.

GRAND SIRES OF G. L. OF B. N. A.

*R. H. Hamilton.....	Montreal.....	January 1, 1847.
E. L. Montizambert.....	Quebec.....	August 17, "
C. Dunkin.....	Montreal.....	August 21, 1849.
*H. H. Whitney.....	"	September, 1850.
Wm. Hilton.....	"	September 1, 1851.

GRAND MASTERS OF PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGES.

Name.	Province.	Date.
Samuel Wright.....	Province of Quebec.....	..... 1847. .....
Abraham Joseph.....	" "	..... 1848. .....
*Peter Sheppard.....	" "	..... 1849. .....
Weston Hunt.....	" "	..... 1850. .....
*J. McLaren.....	" "	..... 1851. .....
Jno. Dyde.....	Province of Montreal....	..... 1847. .....
H. E. Montgomerie.....	" "	..... 1848. .....
A. H. David.....	" "	..... 1849. .....
J. C. Becket.....	" "	..... 1850. .....
*R. Kneeshaw.....	Province of Toronto.....	..... 1849. .....
Thos. Worthington.....	" Kingston.....	..... 1850. .....

*Deceased.

LODGES INSTITUTED IN CANADA WEST

PRIOR TO THE ORGANIZATION OF THE GRAND LODGE FOR THAT PROVINCE.

Victoria, No. 6, Belleville.

The first Lodge in Canada West, was organized mainly through the exertions of Ed. Murney, Esq., M. P. P. for Hastings, a prominent barrister and politician of Belleville. The application for the Charter was signed by Donald Ross, Ed. Murney, J. A. Glassford, Alex Judd, and A. H. Myers. The Lodge was opened on the 17th June, 1845, by P. G., D. Milligan, of Montreal, who had been commissioned a special deputy for that purpose. The Officers installed for the first term were : Donald Ross, N. G., E. Murney, V. G., Alex. Judd, Sec., Francis McAnany, Treas., G. C. Bogart, W., E. W. Holton, C., H. Corbey, R. S. N. G., J. P. Morden, L. S. N. G., Thorp, R. S. S., Yeomans, L. S. S., James Fitzgibbon, R. S. V. G., J. H. Meacham, L. S. V. G., E. L. Herchimer, I. G., J. K. Lyons, O. G. The Lodge had a very prosperous career for some years, large numbers being added to the membership. In February of 1847, a handsome lodge room was dedicated to the service of the Order, in a building especially erected for the purpose. As was customary in those days, the furnishing of the room was decidedly luxurious. As years passed by, however, and the novelty of Odd-Fellowship wore off, the early enthusiasm abated, and great indifference was shown by the members. The few who attended with any degree of regularity, lost heart to a great extent, and we find in March 6th, 1851, a motion introduced to surrender the Charter. This was lost, however; and an attempt made to bring back some of the careless, by passing a resolution allowing all the members more than $5 in arrears to give their notes for the amounts owed, payable with interest out of future claims for benefits. That did not seem effectual, how-

ever; and the motion to surrender was re-introduced about nine months after; and a Committee appointed to attend to the matter. No action seems to have been taken; there does not appear to have been life enough left even to surrender. Meetings were held at intervals; sometimes every month, sometimes not for six months, till the 15th July, 1858. After that date Victoria ceased to exist. The following is a list of Noble Grands of the Lodge, in the Order in which they filled the Chair: Donald Ross, E. Murney, Alex. Judd, Nathan Jones, Francis McAnany, Smith Bartlett, Merrick Sawyer, E. W. Holton, G. C. Bogart, B. Dougall, Geo. Neilson, E. P. Holton, S. M. Washburn, Jas. Canniff, Robert Robertson, W. R. Burnham, Jas. Brown, J. D. Pringle, B. Canniff, Henry Harrison, B. F. Davy, W. Lee.

Brock, No. 9, Brockville.*

The fifth of March, 1846, is an important date in the history of Odd-Fellowship in Ontario. On that day there was organized in the old town of Brockville Brock Lodge No. 9, and although not the first lodge of our Order in the Province, it ranking as No. 9, in what was then the united Provinces of Canada, it is nevertheless the oldest living lodge in the Dominion; all other lodges of a prior date having at one time or another ceased to exist.

To give an idea of how business in the lodge was transacted in these days we think we cannot do better than copy a portion of the first minutes of the lodge taken from the minute book, which is still in existence. The following extract will also give the names of the charter members:

"Brockville, C. W., 5th March, 1846.

"D. G. M. Thos. Hardie and P. G. George P. Dickson, as a special deputation from the Grand Lodge of Canada to open lodges in C. W., met together with Brothers G. Sherwood, of Queen's Lodge No. 2; J. Rhynas, Prince of Wales' Lodge No. 1; G. Morton, Commercial Lodge No. 5, and Thos. Webster, of Commercial Lodge No. 5, and in order to make another member so as to fill up the necessary number required by the petition, Mr. James Goodeve was in the presence of the above-named members duly initiated in the five degrees of our Order. The petition being filled, the lodge was by them duly opened and constituted by dispensation under the name, style and title of "Brock Lodge No. 9." According to previous arrangement, Brother George Sher-

* Prepared by John F. Woods, P. G.

wood was installed in the N. G's chair; John Rhynas, V. G.; George Morton, Secretary; Thos Webster, Treasurer.

"It was moved and seconded that the By-laws and Rules of Order of Queen's Lodge No. 2, I. O. of O. F., be adopted, with the exception of the article on amendments and annuity fees.."

The rest of the minutes appeared to record principally proposals for membership, of which there was a large number. Among the rest appears the name of Thomas Reynolds, the first Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada West.

In the minutes of April 18th, 1846, appears a resolution, ordering a communication to be sent to the Grand Lodge, complaining that common report made it appear that Cataraqui Lodge, No. 10, was making a burlesque of the initiation ceremony, swinging the candidate in the air with a crane, lowering him into a cellar full of burning sulphur, etc. This action on the part of Brock Lodge shows that at the very beginning of its career the members had a correct appreciation of the teachings of the Order, a high degree of respect for its work, and a determination to uphold its character. And in this we probably have one of the great reasons why Brock Lodge has lived and prospered when so many of its sister lodges speedily dropped out of existence. The lodge has always held a high place in the estimation of the people of Brockville, and has had an uninterrupted career of prosperity—not only flourishing itself; but upholding Odd-Fellowship in its vicinity. It has been the parent of a large number of lodges in the eastern part of the Province: and was especially instrumental in maintaining the Order in existence in Canada during the adverse days of 1853.

Among its most prominent members have been the following gentlemen:

Dr. Thos. Reynolds, First Grand Master of Canada West, whose services to the Order are detailed in the record of the year 1855.

P. G. M. William Fitzsimmons, has been several times Mayor of Brockville; represented the Electoral District of Brockville and Elizabethtown in the Local Legislature, during the first two parliamentary terms after Confederation and was elected at the general election held on the 17th September, 1878, to represent the same Riding in the House of Commons. He has always been a leading citizen of the place.

The late Col. James Crawford, who represented the above Riding in the House of Commons from 1867 to 1872, was a member of Brock Lodge.

Past Grand Patriarch, W. H. Cole, was elected to represent the Electoral District of Brockville, in the Legislature of Ontario, at the general election held in January, 1875, and served there in that capacity till 1879. He has at all times been an enterprising and public spirited citizen. Both he and P. G. M. Wm. Fitzsimmons, are active members of Brock Lodge.

The Hon. George Sherwood, now Judge of the County Court of Hastings, was also for many years, prior to his appointment as Judge, a worthy member of Brock Lodge, and a leading Odd-Fellow in the locality. In fact at one time or another, all, or nearly all of the prominent citizens of Brockville, have been active members of this Lodge.

Cataraqui, No. 10, Kingston.

This lodge was organized by Bros. Hardie and Dickson on the 7th of March, 1846. The members of the Order at that time resident in the city were Bros. Donald Christie and John A. Macdonald, of No. 2, and Henry Gillespie and John Fraser, of No. 5. In order to secure the proper number of applicants, Dr. Robert McLean was initiated and the degrees were conferred on him and on Bros. Gillespie and Fraser. The lodge was instituted at the residence of Bro. Fraser, and had for its first officers: John A. Macdonald, N. G.; D. Christie, V. G.; H. Gillespie, Secretary, and John Fraser, Treasurer. A costly suite of rooms were found for the new lodge in the City Buildings, over the Post Office, and furnished at an expense of over $800, the money being advanced by the charter members. For a time Cataraqui increased rapidly. As indicated elsewhere, the initiation in this lodge was a lively performance, and very attractive to spectators. But they soon wearied of that, and the lodge began to decline. Dr. Robert Barker, a prominent member, who repeatedly filled the principal chair, and who was its last occupant, gives as among the chief causes of decline the large number of sick members who became beneficiaries, and the disproportion between dues and benefits. Assessments became necessary to meet the demands on the Treasurer. As a natural consequence, withdrawals became frequent, and it was soon difficult to find enough members to fill the offices. The arrears of indebtedness to the city for rent had swollen to a large sum, and it was finally decided to dispose of the furniture, etc., and endeavor to keep up the lodge in a less expensive style. This remedy was tried, but proved meffectual. About this time, also, Masonry became popular, and several members withdrew to join this society · thus adding still further to the ill-fortune of the lodge. Finally in 1850, Brother Thos. Worthington, Grand Master of the Province of Kingston, recalled its charter and took possession of its effects, and Cataraqui lodge ceased to exist. It was resuscitated on the 7th

August, 1875, but with entirely new material, and is now a flourishing lodge.

PRINCE EDWARD, No. 11, PICTON.

The Charter members of this lodge were qualified for the purpose in Victoria, No. 6. of Belleville, to whose exertions its institution was largely due. It was opened at the residence of Mr. D. L. Fairfield, by Bros. Hardie and Dickson on the evening of March 9th; the applicants being D. L. Fairfield, A. D. Dougall, Jas. R. Wright, Alex. Patterson, Wm. H. Wallace and Henry Corby. The first elected officers were: Henry Corby, N. G.; Jas. R. Wright, V. G.; D. L. Fairfield, Secretary; and Adam D. Dougall, Treas. The lodge had a fair degree of prosperity for a time. But when it commenced to loan its funds to individual members on their personal security, it adopted a mode of investment which has almost always proved fatal. In its last few years, like most of its sister lodges, it had a poor attendance at meetings, and little interest among the members. Finally, in December, 1851, they paid up their debts; and having a balance of £89 6s. 3d. left, divided it among themselves, and closed the lodge doors.

ONTARIO, No. 12, COBOURG.

This Lodge was opened in the office of Mr. D'Arcy E. Boulton, a barrister, of Cobourg, on the 10th March, 1846, by D. G. M. Hardie and P. G. Dickson. The charter members were S. E. McKechnie and J S. Wallace, of Victoria; and D. E. Boulton, Benjamin Clarkson, and H. H. Jackson, who were initiated, and qualified by the D. G. M. The first elective officers were D. E. Boulton, N. G.; S. E. McKechnie, V. G., J. S. Wallace, Sec., H. H. Jackson, P. S., Benjamin Clarke, Treas. The growth of the Lodge was very rapid, and special meetings had to be frequently called for the purpose of receiving propositions and initiating members. In about a year it was rich enough to loan money to the town. But before long it began to suffer from the same disease that affected so many others—lack of interest. Claims on the Benefit Funds also increased faster than the Funds did. In January, 1851, they decided to discontinue paying widows' benefits, which was about the poorest economy they could have practiced. Then they made a a "big push" to get the members together to consider the situation. But all their exertions only succeeded in bringing eight members to the meeting, on the 4th April, 1851. So these eight wound up the affairs; sold their furniture, and divided the proceeds—not less than $1200 among themselves.

After two or three years Bro. Dixon, of Brock No. 9, taking up his residence in Cobourg, resolved, if possible, to resuscitate the Lodge.

He succeeded in getting quite a number of the old Past Grands interested in his efforts ; and on the 13th February, 1854, under a dipensation of Dep. Grand Sire Reynolds, he re-opened the doors of Ontario No. 12, with the following officers : Archibald McDonald, N. G., J. S. Wallace, V. G., Arthur McDonald, Sec., W. H. Kitson, P. S., and Wm. Gravely, Treas. With the exception of Bro. Kitson, they were all old Past Grands. During the first year of its revival, Ontario tried to be very active ; and made some efforts, though unsuccessful, to resuscitate other Lodges. Next year it commenced loaning money to members with the usual result. The Lodge took part in the organization of the Grand Lodge of Canada West; and through Bro. S. A. Dixon and Arthur Macdonald, exercised a fair influence over that Body. But it dwindled away again, and about June, 1861, there were only eleven members left, who adopted the course pursued just ten years before, divided up the funds and disbanded.

The Noble Grands of No. 12 were : D. E. Boulton, S. E. McKechnie, J. S. Wallace, R. H. Throop, W. Gravely, Dr. J. Beattie, G. S. Daintry, John C. Boswell, Archibald McDonald, F. S. Clinch, F. Lewis, A. Burk, Arthur McDonald, Alvah Secor, John Holman, E. S. Winans, J. Beattie. Jr. In its second term they were A. McDonald, J. S. Wallace, A. Dixon, A. Secor, Wm. Tourje, G. M. Goodeve, R. A. Goodwin, H. Huff, John McLeod, Wm. Deering, John Gillard, J. D. Hays. J. F. Bradley.

Otonabee, No. 13, Peterboro'.

Otonabee Lodge was instituted in Peterboro'on the 11th of March, 1846, by P. G.'s Dickson and Hardie, of Montreal. Its charter members were Geo. B. Hall. M. P., and F. Ferguson, of Queen's Lodge, Montreal, and Charles Perry, Wm. Cluxton and Henry Easton, of Victoria Lodge, Belleville. The first officers elected were : Geo. B. Hall, N. G. ; C. Perry, V. G. ; Wm. Cluxton, Sec. ; H. Easton, Treas. The establishment of the lodge was under most favorable auspices. A large number of the most prominent citizens were ready to unite themselves with the Order, and the Sheriff of the County gave them full control of the Court House for the purpose of opening the lodge. Its earlier years were bright and prosperous, but its very prosperity was the cause of its decay and death. It went into extravagant outlays in fitting up a new hall, which was dedicated with great eclat on the 10th of February, 1848, and took upon itself burdens so heavy that it soon fell into financial difficulties and died during the year 1850.

Hope, No. 14, Port Hope.

On their visit to Port Hope on the 12th March, 1846, Bros. Hardie and Dickson conferred the degeees of Odd-Fellowship on Dr. Edward

Hickman, Marcus F. Whitehead, Geo. C. Ward, Wm. Fraser and H. H. Meredith, who became the charter members of Hope Lodge. The institution took place on that date in the office of Messrs. Ward & Whitehead, barristers. Shortly after, however, the lodge procured a suitable room for itself, and again in August, 1847, another move was made into still more comfortable quarters. The officers for the first term were as follows: Dr. E. Hickman, N. G.; M. F. Whitehead, V. G.; Geo. C. Ward, R. S.; W. Fraser, P. S.; H. H. Meredith, Treas.; W. Garnet, W.; Chas. Hughes, C.; N. Kirchoffer, R. S. N. G.; R. Bartlett, L. S. N. G.; C. N. Waddell, R. S. V. G.; John R. McDermott, L. S. V G.; Rev. J. Short, Chaplain; B. Bird, I. G.; Peter Robertson, O. G. During the first year of its existence Hope prospered exceedingly, numbering 48 members by the end of June, 1846; but as the novelty wore off, the additions became less and the attendance at meetings poor. The lodge never seems to have possessed much money, for the reason that it was always ready to spend freely, not only for general charity, but for amusement. Had it not been for the fact that several of the leading members, whenever they received sick benefits, always donated the amount to the W. & O. Fund, the lodge would not have lasted as long as it did. In April, 1848, a member absconded from the town largely indebted to many persons, especially to his brethren. He was promptly expelled, but the transaction seems to have had an injurious effect on the Order; several brethren took their withdrawal cards, and on the 29th of May following the lodge was compelled for the first time to adjourn for want of a quorum. This soon became a common occurrence, no meetings being held sometimes for more than a month. Sickness also increased and there was no money to pay the benefits. A few of the early members, like Bros. Whitehead, Ward, Turner, Fraser and Smart, endeavored to keep the institution afloat: but all efforts were unavailing, and the last recorded meeting took place on the 9th April, 1849. The Noble Grands of Hope Lodge were: Dr. E. Hickman, M. F. Whitehead, Geo. C. Ward, Rev. J. Short, Chas. Hughes, Wm. Garnet, D. Smart, J. Smart, Wm. Fraser, J. Hatton.

Tecumseh, No. 15, Toronto.

The delegation to open lodges in Canada West opened this lodge on Saturday evening, March 14, 1846, at the residence of W. H. Boulton, M. P. There were present as Charter members, in addition to Bro. Boulton, S. B. Campbell, R. Kneeshaw, Robt. Lindsay, members of the lodges in Montreal, and J. G. Joseph, a P. G. Warden of the G. L. of Ohio. The first officers chosen were, W. H. Boulton, N. G.; S. B. Campbell, V. G.; Richard Kneeshaw, Sec'y; and J. G. Joseph, Treas. On next night of meeting the Lodge assembled in a room over

Bro. Kneeshaw's store; and on August 11, 1847, they entered a new hall on Church street. That they made good progress for a time is evident from the fact that on the second night of meeting, twenty-one candidates were initiated. The control of the Order in Toronto devolved very largely on two brethren, S.B. Campbell and R. Kneeshaw, who were the most active Odd-Fellows in the city. But, however worthy and able they may have been in private life, or in the conduct of their own affairs, they do not appear to have been the right material out of which to make the best class of Odd-Fellows. Bro. Campbell, who occupied the important positions of Grand Warden in the Grand Encampment, Provincial Deputy for Toronto, and Special Representative to the G. L. U. S. from the G. L. of B. N. A., was compelled to leave the Order in rather bad odor. And Bro. Kneeshaw, who succeeded him as Deputy, seems to have been very enthusiastic for a short time; and then to have suddenly dropped out of active service. The Lodge was something like Bro. Kneeshaw in this respect. It made a flash, then went out. Its last meeting was held in October, 1849.

Union, No. 16, St. Catharines.

Among the oldest and most prosperous Lodges in the Province of Ontario, is Union No. 16, St. Catharines. It was instituted with difficulty, and with not the brightest prospects. In 1846 there was one member of the Order resident in St. Catharines, James Stevenson, of Prince of Wales Lodge, Montreal. Anxious to have a Lodge opened, he had pressed the matter upon the authorities of the Order in Montreal, but without any apparent results. Unable to get any definite answer from the officials of the Grand Lodge; and concluding that they would make no effort to introduce Odd-Fellowship into his town, he united with some members of the Manchester Unity, and assisted in opening St. Catharines Lodge No. 4148, of that Order, in the early part of 1846; and was chosen Vice-Grand. Meanwhile, however, the Grand Lodge of Canada had concluded to send two brothers to the Western Province to open new Lodges; and on the 17th March, Past Grand Geo. P. Dickson arrived in St. Catharines for that purpose. Bro. Stevenson thought he had enough to do in the Lodge of the M. U.; with which he had now become connected; but was finally persuaded to assist in opening a Lodge of our Order. With his aid a number of citizens were secured who were willing to unite in the work; and in the evening Bro. Dickson initiated and qualified Messrs. John Maulson, David Kessack, Chauncey Yale, E. W. Stephenson, D. McPhail and Jno. L. Ranney, and instituted Union No. 16. The name was in one sense, very appropriate. For there was a Union of both the English and the American Orders in this Lodge, in the person of Bro. Stevenson, who was N. G. in one and V. G. in the other. The first Officers

elected were : J. Stevenson, N. G., John Maulson, V. G., D. Kessack, Secretary, and C. Yale, Treasurer. From its institution, the Lodge grew steadily. During the *old regime*, it was one of the strongest Lodges in Canada West. When the Grand Lodge for this Province was organized in 1855, Union numbered over 100 members, and sent five Representatives to Brockville. In 1863, the Lodge erected a magnificent building, which has not only served the purposes of the Order, but has afforded a large revenue. By careful management of its finances this Lodge is now the wealthiest in the jurisdiction of Ontario. It has also supplied from its membership, a large number of the leading men of the Order in the Province. Among Grand Masters there have been from this Lodge Chauncey Yale, S. G. Dolson, James D. Tait ; and among Grand Patriarchs, S. G. Dolson, and Adam Purvis.

Burlington, No. 17, Hamilton.

This Lodge had the shortest life of any of those organized by the deputation to Canada West, in 1846, having been in existence but a little over two years. The only members of the Order in Hamilton whose aid could be secured when the deputation reached that city, was Bro. Hugh McKinstry, of No. 2 ; and on him the degrees had to be conferred to qualify him as a petitioner. Plenty of citizens were found, however, willing to join the Society ; and Messrs. Wm. A. Shaw, Andrew Stuart, Jasper T. Gilkison, Geo. Angus and Wm. A. Harvey, were initiated, and with Bro. McKinistry, formed the Charter members. The Lodge was opened on the 19th March, 1846, with the following officers : H. McKinstry, N. G. ; Wm. Shaw, V. G. ; Wm. A. Harvey, Sec. ; J. T. Gilkison, Treas. ; C. Stewart, P. S. ; Geo. Angus, W. ; Geo. W. Burton, C. ; Hugh C. Baker, R. S. N. G. ; Stephen Oliver, L. S. N. G. ; Jas. Geddes, R. S. V. G. ; Albert Bigelow, L. S. V. G. ; Thomas M. Simons, R. S. S. ; Thomas A. Blythe, L. S. S. ; Thomas Simons, I. G. ; A lodge room was secured in a building owned by H. C. Baker. and for a few months there was a great rush of members. But the usual re-action followed ; and by the beginning of 1848, the attendance was so small, and the interest in the society so faint, that it was thought necessary to make special efforts to revive the lodge. These all failed, however, and on the 1st July, 1848, it was decided to pay all debts and hand the balance with paraphernalia, etc., over to the Grand Lodge. The intention was a good one ; and showed that the Lodge understood the legal mode of closing up its affairs. Whether the intention was carried out is doubtful ; for there is no record on the Grand Lodge books of any balance ever received from Burlington. But, at all events, the lodge then ceased working. The Nobie Grands of the Lodge had been ;

H. McKinstry, Wm. M. Shaw, Wm. A. Harvey, A. Stewart, J. T. Gilkison, H. C. Baker, R. P. Street.

St. Francis, No. 18, Cornwall.

This was the last lodge organized by the deputation sent to Canada West, and was instituted by Bros. Hardie and Dickson, on their way home, on the 1st April, 1846. Bro. J. D. Pringle, of No. 2, was the only brother resident in Cornwall whose aid could be obtained, Bro. Sandfield Macdonald being at the time in attendance at Parliament. After explaining the principles of the Order to some of the citizens of Cornwall, the following gentlemen offered themselves for initiation in order to become qualified as charter members: M. Marshall, J. F. Pringle, L. F. Putnam, Alex. McDougall and Duncan McDonald. The elected officers of the first term were: J. D. Pringle, N. G.; J. F. Pringle, V. G.; L. M. Putnam, Sec.; A. McDougall, Treas.; Duncan McDonald, P. S. No record can be found of the history of No. 18, further than the fact, gathered from Grand Lodge returns, that it prospered and attained a membership by the year 1849 of near 100; but with the commencement of the depression in Odd-Fellowship that took place about this time St. Francis Lodge also began to decline, and sometime about the close of the year 1850 it suspended operations.

Ottawa No. 20, Bytown.

Odd-Fellowship was first introduced into Bytown (now known under the more romantic name of Ottawa) by the Manchester Unity, whose authorities opened Chaudiere Lodge, No. 4028, in the year 1845; but the growing popularity of the American Order, as it was called, soon opened the way for a lodge of this branch of Odd-Fellowship. Several residents of Bytown united with the lodges in Montreal, and Grand Secretary Hamilton, returning from an official tour in the West during the summer of 1846, was enabled to visit this town and open Ottawa Lodge on the 2nd August. The applicants for the charter were Francis Thompson, of No. 1; Thos. S. Hunton, John Scott, Alexander Bryson and Zachariah Wilson, of No. 2; and Robert Hervey and Geo. B. Lyons, of No. 5. On their institution, they chose for their first officers: G. B. Lyons, N. G.; R. Hervey, V. G.; Thos. S. Hunton, S, and Z. Wilson, T. This was an active and prosperous lodge, and continued to uphold the banner of Odd-Fellowship until the G L. of B. N. A. succumbed, when it also ceased working.

Home, No. 21, Toronto,

After the Order had been established in Toronto about a year, its prospects looked so bright that it was thought advisable to start another Lodge ; and a number of the members of Tecumseh withdrew for that purpose. In addition, Bro. G. P. Dickson, who had helped to institute so many Lodges in Canada West, and who had lately removed from Montreal to Toronto, joined with the applicants. The Charter members were John Hillyard Cameron, George P. Dickson, P. G., John Maulson, P. G., Quartus Quaife, Arthur Macdonald, James George, T. G. Fuller, The lodge was opened on the 18th March, 1847, by District Deputy S. B. Campbell. There was a strong desire among some of the promoters to call it "Britannia," but a majority of one decided for the name of "Home." The officers for the first term were: J. H. Cameron, N. G.; Arthur Macdonald, V. G.; Jas. George, Sec.; J. C. Morrison, Treas.; Quartus Quaife, P. S.; J. J. Evans, W.; Fred. Rogers, C.; Samuel Coulson, O. G.; D. McDonald, I. G. The lodge did not have much help from its first Noble Grand, whose public duties occupied his time, and only allowed him to attend three meetings in his term. Bro. Dickson, who might have rendered good service, removed rom the city in a short time, so that no help was obtained from him. Then came the general reaction, which Home Lodge shared with Tecumseh ; the withdrawal of many good members and the expulsion of some active ones, and finally the lodge closed its brief existence on the 7th May, 1849. Its Noble Grands had been : J. H. Cameron, A. McDonald, J. C. Morrison, D. McDonald, J. J. Evans, James George, A. Graham, J. D. Hayes.

Phœnix, No. 22, Oshawa.

In the beginning of the year 1847, several Odd-Fellows, mostly members of the Toronto Lodges, resident in Oshawa, determined to open a branch of the Order in their village. During the month of February, several preliminary meetings were held in Moon's Hotel, which resulted in a petition to the authorities, and the granting of a dispensation for Phœnix No. 22. On the 29th of March D. D. G. S. Campbell, of Toronto, whose assistance had been freely given to the brethren in their preliminary arrangements, visited Oshawa, accompanied by nine members of Tecumseh and Home, and regularly opened the new Lodge, initiated a number of applicants, and installed the officers. The officers for the first term were : S. B. Fairbanks, N. G., Edward Skae, V. G., Daniel Maclachlan, Sec., Luther H. Cronk, Treas., William Bettes, Conductor, (these five were the Charter members); Alexander Bettes, W., D. Spalding, I. G., John D. Lease, O. G., John Burke, R. S. N. G., Gavin Burns, L. S. N. G., John Welsh, R. S. V.

G., Richard Moon, L. S. V. G., Alphonzo Hinds, R. S. S. During the first year of its existence, the Lodge initiated a large number of candidates from among the best men of the village ; but in the second year dissensions arose, and the interest flagged. It was charged that some of the more "high-toned" brethren thought there were too many mechanics in the Lodge. This was denied, and some members were expelled for circulating such a report. But there was evidently considerable discord. The attendance fell off as well as the membership ; "no quorum" became quite a common occurrence, and in 1848,no meetings were held from September to December. Of the charter members Brother Maclachlan died in 1847, and Brother Skae in 1848 ; the others retained their connection ; and one, S. B. Fairbanks, made most earnest endeavors to keep the Lodge going. He was the main pillar of the Order in Oshawa ; filled the Chair of N. G. on three different occasions ; acted as a sort of Deputy for the D. D. G. S, and spared no pains to preserve the Lodges, but it was all in vain. A final spasmodic attempt was made in December, 1848, to revivify the Lodge, but failed ; and the last recorded meeting was held on the 16th April, 1849. From that time the Order had no existence in Oshawa until May 5th, 1870, when, through the exertions of P. G. C. S. Male, an old member of Industry Lodge of Grafton, Corinthian No.61 was instituted. I 1878 another Lodge was opened, to which the old name and number of Phœnix No. 22 was given. The brethren who filled the chair of N. G. in the old Phœnix were: S. B. Fairbanks, E. Skae, T. N. Gibbs, Gavin Burns, John Pentland.

Wellington Lodge, No. 23, Wellington.

The organization of a Lodge in the village of Wellington was largely due to the exertions of the brethren in Picton, who were enthusiastic Odd-Fellows. The petition was received by the authorities in Montreal on the 23rd November, 1847, and the lodge was instituted by P. Grand James R. Wright, of Prince Edward No. 11, on the 28th December following. The applicants for the charter and first officers were : Thomas Worthington, N. G. ; John G. Sellick, V. G. ; David S. Young, R. S. ; C. Haight, P. S. ; Lewis B. Stinson, Treas. ; Benjamin S. Corey, George C. Stinson, and John N. Wilson. The prosperity of No. 23 was due largely to the energy of its first Noble Grand, Bro. Thomas Worthington, who became the leading Odd-Fellow of that section, and was chosen Grand Master of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Kingston. But one active member was not sufficient to keep the lodge alive. When the evil days came, No. 23 felt the depression with its sister lodges ; and in July 1851 its members divided up their funds and disbanded.

Beaver Lodge, No. 24, Lloydtown.

Of this Lodge nothing is known, except that it was organized by

Dist. Deputy Grand Sire, S. B. Campbell, of Toronto, on the 1st March 1848. Its Charter members came from the Toronto lodges, and were, J. H. Smith, (N. G.), A. McPherson, Ed. Bull, Joseph H. Lawrence. A. Armstrong, R. Kneeshaw, and Seymour H. W. Stagdill. It ceased to work after a brief existence.

Oxford, No. 25, Woodstock.

The Manchester Unity opened a lodge of Odd-Fellows (Brock, No. 4297) in Woodstock during the year 1848. At this time Woodstock was in the condition of a divided town—the aristocratic East arrayed against the more democratic West. Whatever was done in one section had to be rivalled, or opposed, or imitated. in the other. The M. U. Lodge was started by the Eastern people; so, of course, a lodge of the other Order had to be opened in the West. To accomplish this purpose, R. Kneeshaw, G. M. of Toronto, came to Woodstock in May, 1849, and opened Oxford Lodge, of the I. O. O. F. The work was done about as irregularly as it was possible to do it. The charter members were never initiated, but simply obligated and installed into office. They were: Abraham Sudworth, N. G.; Wm. Wilson, V. G.; James Egan, Sec. Wm. Scott, Treas., and Elijah Hill. The first meetings of Oxford Lodge were held in a room over Bro. Alex. Mackay's tailor shop. Subsequently better accommodations were secured in the West End of the town. Despite its irregular birth the lodge would have succeeded very well. Unfortunately its head, the Grand Lodge of Toronto, became defunct very soon after, while the Supreme Jurisdiction in Canada, the Grand Lodge of B. N. A., had never been notified of its institution and knew nothing of its existence. Left an orphan in infancy, Oxford Lodge had no head to which it could look for guidance, and knew nothing of its sister lodges in Canada, with whom it had never come in contact; and not caring to stand alone, the members divided up the funds and closed the lodge. The last N. G. was Bro. T. J. Clarke, who in a journey to California shortly after was taken seriously ill; and having in his possession the rituals of his lodge, caused them to be burnt, fearing that in the event of his decease, they might fall into improper hands He lived, however; but Oxford Lodge died beyond hope of resurrection.

Industry, No. 25, Haldimand.

Industry Lodge was organized mainly through the exertions of members of the Order in Cobourg. The Provincial Grand Lodge of Toronto had became practically defunct; but there was just about enough vitality left in the Grand officers to authorize the institution of

the lodge and pocket the charter fee, though not enough to issue a charter. The applicants were: C. S. Male, N. G.; Simeon McBrien, V. G. Richard Shannon, Sec.; Thos. Riggs, Treas.; Richard Warriner, P. S. The lodge was opened on the 13th June, 1850, by P. G., A. Macdonald and other members of Ontario Lodge in a room in the house of Mr. Wm. Brown. The history of this lodge was unmarked by any striking events. It made a fair progress, as much as could be expected in a small village; was represented by one of its Past Grands (C. E. Ewing) at the Brockville Convention, in 1853, and took part in the organization of the Grand Lodge of Canada West in 1855. In December, 1851, the lodge accepted an offer for a new room in a building to be erected by Bro. C. S. Male, and in May, 1853, the new hall was opened with considerable *eclat*. With a view to the convenience of members, many of whom resided in the country, it was deemed advisable to remove the lodge from Haldimand to Grafton, where it entered into new quarters July 10th, 1855. In the early records of the Grand Lodge of Canada West, Industry occupies a very respectable position through its able representative, but at home it was gradually weakening, and finally it closed its doors on the 3rd May, 1859. The last Noble Grand (Wm. Taylor) reported non-attendance of members and non-payment of dues as the cause of failure. The funds of the lodge were divided up among some of the members; but this, according to the report of Grand Master Bingham in 1862, was not so very illegal a transaction, inasmuch as the lodge was really indebted to the members for money loaned. Among the leading members of Industry were C. E. Ewing, who acted Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge at its Brantford session in October, 1855; R. Warriner, who was Deputy Grand Master in 1873, and C. S. Male, subsequently the founder and representative of Corinthian Lodge, No. 61 Oshawa.

Victoria, No. 27, Caledonia.

This was the last Lodge chartered by the G. L. of B. N. A.; and was opened largely through the instrumentality of Mr. Neil McKinnon. The applicants for the Charter were all members of Union, No. 16; and were as under: N. McKinnon, Richard Walton, Wm. McCargow, Albert Henry Jarvis and John Stewart. The Lodge was opened June 8, 1852, —Neil McKinnon being first N. G.; and Richard Walton first V. G. Considering the small field from which Victoria could draw its material, it made a fair progress. By December, 1853, it had initiated 27 members; and by July, 1854, the number had increased to 75. In 1855, however, troubles began to arise. Reports were spread around the village that Mr. Jarvis, the Vice Grand, had formerly been an inmate of the State Prison, in Auburn, N. Y., and though the Lodge by resolution

expressed its full confidence in the brother, yet a breach was made and the society began to dwindle away rapidly. The result was that it was thought advisable to surrender the Charter, and apply for a new one to be called "Caledonia, No. 27." This course was taken in February 1856, and the application presented by Neil McKinnon, P. G.; John Builder, P. G.; John Wilson, Wm. Owen, John Alexander, Wm. McCargow, Wm. Jackson. B. F. VanBrocklin, of Brantford, was commissioned the month following to institute the new Lodge. But the institution never took place. Neil McKinnon removed to Bruce, a Masonic Lodge was opened in the village—taking in the best material of the proposed new "No. 27;" and that was the last of Odd-Fellowship in Caledonia.

Rose No. 28, Amherstburg.

Of the large number of Lodges of Odd-Fellows in Western Canada that left the Manchester Unity, and gave in their allegiance to the American Order, the first to be instituted was Rose No. 28, at Amherstburg. The dispensation was intrusted to Dr. Isaac Smith, of Olive Branch Lodge. Detroit, who, assisted by several American brethren, including Grand Secretary Lane, of Michigan, opened the Lodge on the 23rd January, 1854. The officers installed on that occasion were Henry Mears, N. G., Joseph Hackett, V. G., Wm. Sinclair, P. S., Alex. Hackett, R. S., William E. Archer, T., Henry Fry, W., Wm. Headley, C., Thos. H. Munger, O. G., Charles Cornwall, I. G. The Lodge made for a time good progress. Its returns for June 1856, showed a membership of 41; in 1857 it showed an increase to 85. But here its progress ceased. Troubles arose; personal disputes between Bro. Mears, who had been the moving spirit in the Lodge, and other members. The Treasurer loaned the funds to individual members, and refused to give any account of it. Amidst these difficulties many withdrew; others refused to work. In 1858, it was impossible to get enough members to fill the offices, and its affairs were duly wound up by the Grand Lodge. At the annual Session in 1874, cards were granted to a number of the former members, and the Lodge was resuscitated on the 5th of May, 1875, since which time it has continued to work successfully.

Chatham Lodge, No. 29.

This Lodge was granted a dispensation by Wilmot G. DeSaussure, Most Worthy Grand Sire, of the Grand Lodge United States, of the I. O. O. F., on the 23rd December, 1853, to the following Charter members, viz.:—John F. Delmage, Seymour Stephenson, Geo. Turn

bull, Miles Miller, Jas. Higgins, John L. Davis. Although this dispensation had been granted and received, the Lodge in Chatham still continued to work under the Manchester Unity, as Loyal Chatham Lodge, until the 21st February, 1854,* when Special Deputy P. G. Isaac Smith, assisted by P. G. P. Dixon, F. H. Armstrong, J. L. Rhodes, of Wayne Lodge, No. 2, Detroit, proceeded to institute Chatham Lodge, No. 29, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, under power of the above dispensation. The following officers were elected and installed :—N. G., J. F. Delmage ; V. G., Miles Miller ; R. S., S. Stephenson ; P. S., Jas. Higgins ; T., Geo. Turnbull. Several candidates were initiated when the N.G. made the following appointments :—Warden, J.L.Davis ; C.,W. Smith ; I. G., H. Moa ; R. S. N. G., Thos. Stone ; L. S. N. G., Jas. Henry ; R. S. S., C. McKeough ; L. S. S., H. Northwood ; R. S. V. G.,Thos. Degge ; L. S. V. G., J. L. Abury. The whole of the members of Loyal Chatham Lodge did not unite and come under the G. L. U. S., but after Chatham Lodge had been instituted the Manchester Unity became a thing of the past. Since that period up to the present date, Chatham Lodge has continued to advance, both financially and numerically, and after having completed its 25th anniversary is in a more prosperous condition to day than at any period of its history. It has a library of 500 volumes comprising works both useful and entertaining, and is one of the greatest blessings which the members of this prosperous Lodge enjoys. It has recently purchased a very valuable piece of property on the principal street of the town, for the sum of ten thousand dollars, there is at present on the property three very handsome stores two stories high, which bring a rental of $1300 per annum, or 13¼ per cent, on outlay. The members of this Lodge comprise some of our best merchants, farmers and mechanics, who take an interest in Odd-Fellowship, and endeavor to disseminate and inculcate its principles to the utmost of their power and ability. Harmony, peace and good will exist as it ever should between its members, and for correct working it is second to none in the Province. Chatham Lodge has furnished Charter members for six Subordinate Lodges and three Encampments, which are all doing well. Subordinate Lodges:—Blenheim, Dresden, Ridgetown, Wallaceburg, Western City and Thamesville. During the 25 years of its existence there has been 358 initiations, and 14 admitted by card. Of these special mention may be made of a few members, who have devoted time and talent to the Lodge work and are still active members of the Lodge. P. G. John Schneider,oldest member of the Lodge is one of its principal pillars. P G. J.P. Young ; P. G. Turner ; P. G. Hulin ; P. G. I. Smith ; P.G. Wm. N. Smith : P.G. Rev. John Rannie ; P.G. Parsons, P.G. Holmes ; P.G. I. Peggot, P.G. Jos. Peers, P.G. J. Ogle ; P. G. P McNaughton and, P. G. Patton, who is the founder of the Library and

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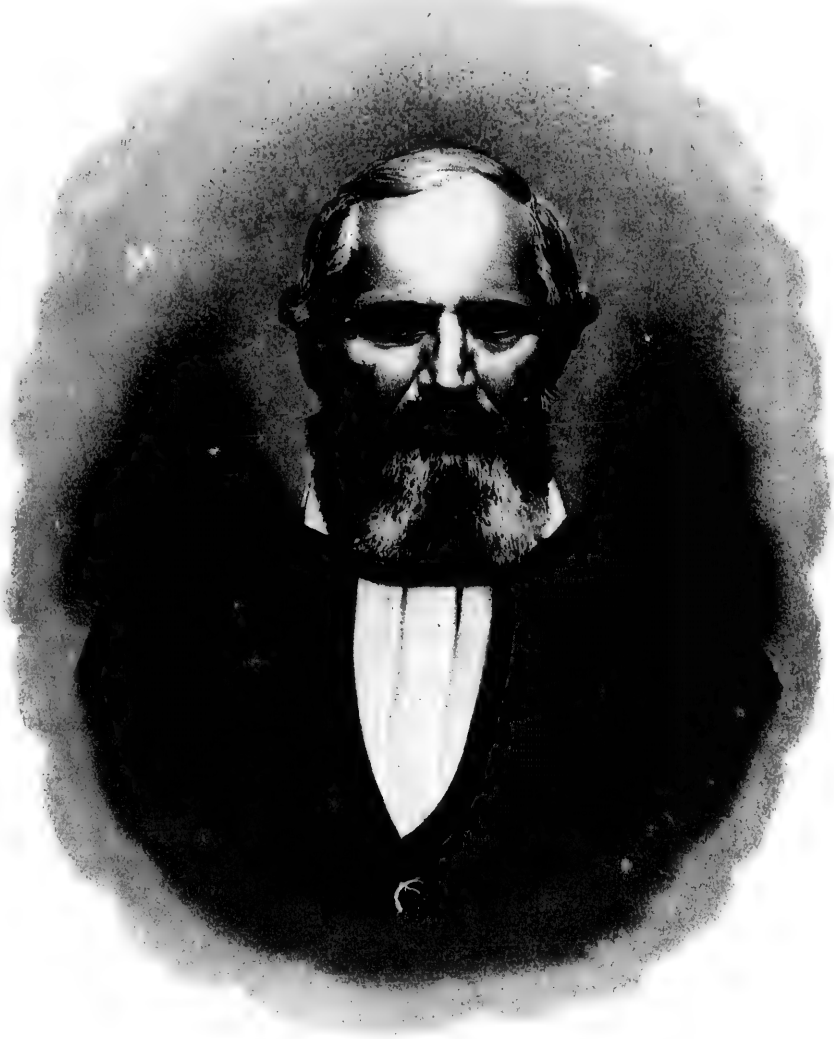

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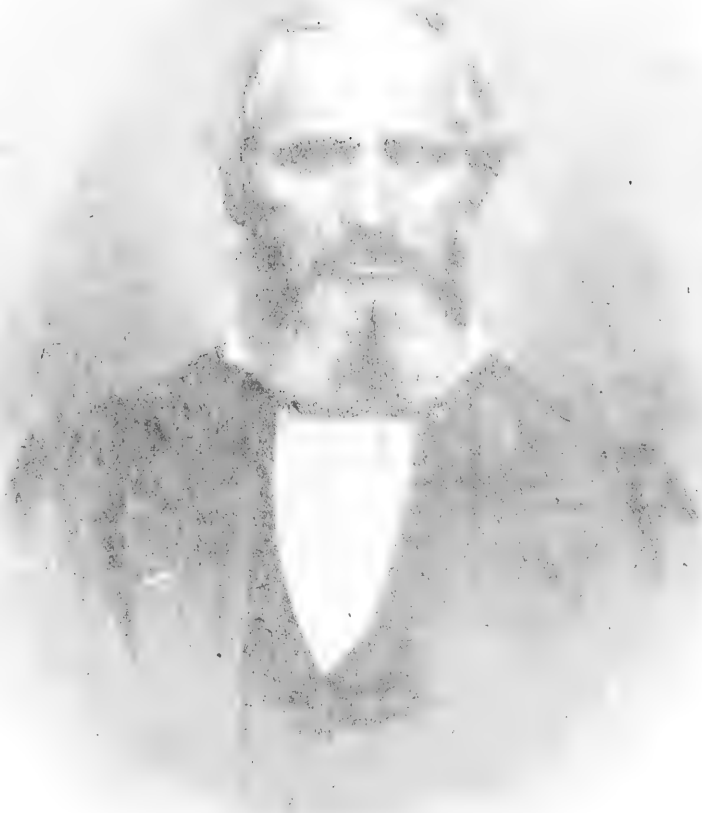

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the present Librarian. The present Hall is a rented one, but very comfortable and commodious, neatly fitted and well furnished, heated with wood stoves and lighted with gas.†

EUREKA No. 30, LONDON.

The Manchester Unity introduced Odd-Fellowship into London in 1847 by the institution of the Loyal London Lodge, No. 4254. A few years after a second lodge (Beaver) was opened. The Order prospered in the Forest City, but dissatisfaction with the way in which its affairs were conducted by the Provincial authorities disgusted the members, and while they continued to love Odd-Fellowship, they lost all respect for its management in Canada. Under these circumstances the Odd-Fellows of London joined with their dissatisfied brethren of other localities, and determined to leave the Manchester Unity, and unite with the American Order. In pursuance of this plan the London and Beaver Lodges disbanded; and five brethren, H. C. Hughes, Geo. W Ashton, Wm. Smith, Jas Westland, and Wm. Bissell, visited St. Catharines where they were initiated and instructed in the degrees in Union Lodge No. 16. Their petition to the G. L. U. S. was favorably entertained, and on the 31st January, 1854, they were formed into a lodge of the I. O. O. F. Disappointed in their researches after true Odd-Fellowship in the old society, *they had found it* (as the name they chose indicated) in the new. Eureka Lodge No. 30 was instituted by P. G. Connor of St. Catharines, assisted by Rev. J. C. Ryerson, J. R. Cook, J. W. Armstrong and A. V. Lambert of the same place. The work of instituting initiating and installing occupied the two nights of January 31st and February 1st. On this occasion there were admitted to membership in addition to the applicants for the charter—P. G. Wm. Harding as an Ancient Odd-Fellow, and the following gentlemen, nearly all of whom had been members of the now defunct lodges of the M. U., viz.: John A. Arnold, William Skinner, Henry Wheeler, W. T. Erith, Thomas Williams, John Pringle, William Atkinson, Edward Osborne, James Heron, D. J. Pridham, J. W. Kermott, Bernard Trainer, William Wright, Charles Dyde, Thomas Cadham, Charles Madiver, James Shanly, W. C. L. Gill, Edward Woodman. The officers installed for the first term were: William Smith, N. G.; George W. Ashton, V. G.; H. C. Hughes, R. S.; James Westland, P. S.; William Bissell, T.; Bernard Trainer, W.; William Wright, C.; Henry Wheeler, R. S. N. G.; Thomas Cadham, L. S. N. G.; William Skinner, R. S. V. G.; Edward Osborne, L. S. V. G.; John A. Arnold, R. S. S.; W. T. Erith, L. S. S.; Charles Dyde, I. G.; John Pringle, O. G. The lodge made fair

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progress, though by no means increasing with that rapidity which frequently characterizes new lodges at the present time. During the year 1855 the brethren had the privilege (which has been enjoyed by very few Canadian lodges) of a visit from Grand Secretary Ridgely. At the close of the first term Bro. Ashton was elected N. G., but he resigned a few nights after, being dissatisfied with the poor attendance. P. G. Harding was elected to fill the vacancy. By the end of the year it would seem that the attendance had improved, for Bro. Ashton made no objections then to taking the principal chair. He was succeeded by James Westland in July, 1855, and by William Bissell in January, 1856 This brings Eureka Lodge up to the period embraced in the records of the Grand Lodge of Canada West. Its career since then has been one of steady prosperity. It has become the mother of a large number of lodges in Western Ontario, and is one of the largest and wealthiest lodges in the jurisdiction.

Morpeth No. 31, Morpeth.

The Odd-Fellows of the Manchester Unity in Morpeth, were among the first who tried to connect themselves with the American Order. But a formal petition could not be received by the G. L. U. S until the applicants had been regularly initiated. Arrangements, however, were subsequently made to accommodate the brethren as far as possible. So that when Dr. Smith, Special Deputy, visited Chatham, to institute No. 29, he was enabled by dispensation from Deputy Grand Sire Reynolds, to institute the Morpeth Lodge in the same place. The Charter members and first officers were: John Addeman, N. G., James Cady, V. G, Hiram Bell, Secretary, William R. Fellows, Treasurer; William Cowan, Robert Bullen, and Henry Bullen. The Lodge was instituted on the 26th January. Its progress was but slow; and its growth in membership small. Besides, a number of those initiated resided in the neighboring county and villages—too far away to attend the meetings regularly. By 1857, it was found impossible to hold meetings for want of quorum. In 1858 it was reported to the Grand Lodge "defunct," and a Committee was appointed to secure if possible, the charter books and funds, and that was the last heard of Morpeth Lodge. The list of Past Grands of this Lodge is very short; consisting only of John Addeman, James Cady, Hiram Bell and Henry Bullen.

Elgin No. 32, St. Thomas.

The charter members of Elgin Lodge, consisted of George W. Morgan, of Tecumseh Lodge, and William H. Cameron, G. T. Claris, A. J. Allworth, Wm. Ross, and D. Drake, who were initiated in Lon-

don for the special purpose of introducing the Order into St. Thomas. The Lodge was opened on the 5th May, 1852 by P. G. Connor, of St. Catharines, assisted by a number of brethren from London. The first officers were : George W. Morgan, N. G., G. T. Claris, V. G., A. J. Allworth, Sec., D. Drake, P. S., W. H. Cameron, Treas., Rev. St. George Caulfield, Chaplain, B. Treadwell. C., Alexander Love, O. G., James Mihell, I. G. The Lodge never grew very large ; its highest membership being under fifty. But it was an active Lodge, and contributed some excellent material to the Grand Lodge. Unfortunately, after a few years, dissensions began, which could not be healed ; while at the same time the benefit funds fell short ; and no money could be obtained to carry on the benevolent work of the Order. Finally in the early part of 1862, the members disbanded, and the Lodge remained closed for sixteen years. In the 20th June, 1878, it was re-opened. and the Charter returned to P. G.'s John McLean, Joseph Laing, A. J. Allworth, James Mihell and J. C. Lindop. The Noble Grands of Elgin Lodge up to date of its suspension in 1862, were : George W. Morgan, George T. Claris, A. J. Allworth, Joseph Laing, Rev. St. George Caulfield, D. Drake, Ase Howard, John McLean, James Mihell, John King, J. C. Lindop, Adam Walthew, James Farley, H. Brown and Thos. L. Lindop.

Erie, No. 33, Port Burwell.

In June, 1854, Messrs. W. A. Glover, Alexander McBride, David Merrill, John S. Tracey and Paul Marlatt, of the village of Port Burwell, went to St. Thomas and were initiated in Elgin Lodge, No. 32, in order to become qualified as petitioners for a lodge in their own locality. They were not instituted, however, until the 6th October of that year. Its progress has been steady but sure. With a small field to cultivate, it has never been able to get a very large membership ; but it has always held its own. Financially, it has been successful, and is able to meet, free from debt in its own house, erected and dedicated in 1866.

Gore, No. 34, Brantford.

Odd-Fellowship was first planted in the then *village* of Brantford in the year 1844 by the institution of a lodge of the Manchester Order, known as Brant Lodge, which worked well for a time and increased rapidly in membership. About the year 1849 differences of opinion arose, resulting in several of the members leaving and starting a second lodge of the same Order known as Gore Lodge.

The new organization was a favorite in the community, and prospered greatly ; but the affiliation being with the Order in England, with few lodges in Canada and none in the United States, such of the mem-

bers as found it necessary to travel were very much isolated, and without that aid and comfort resulting from being able to visit sister lodges.

Some dissatisfaction also was felt as to the matter of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund being a joint fund in which all the lodges in the Province had part, and was not therefore under the control of the lodge itself.

These causes combined, led to the thought that it would be preferable to join with the great body of Odd-Fellows on this continent; and after mature deliberation and anxious investigation, a resolution was adopted to the effect that the lodge sever its union with the Manchester Order and ask a charter from the G. L. U. S., I. O. O. F.

A deputation consisting of brothers John Cameron, James Woodyatt, George Varey, Thomas Broughton and Amos B. Currier, proceeded to Buffalo and were initiated, and received the five Degrees in Hesperion Lodge.

The same brothers applied at the session of the G. L. U. S. in September, 1854, for a Charter, which was granted; and on the 27th of December in the same year, Bro. Geo. W. Malloch, P. G., assisted by Bro. T. Parsons, D. G. S., of Buffalo, instituted the Lodge now known as Gore Lodge, No. 34.

The first officers were, John Cameron, N. G.; James Woodyatt, V. G.; Geo. Varey, P. Sec.; James F. Wheaton, R. Sec., and Thomas Broughton, Treas.; twelve of the members of the old Lodge were initiated the same evening, and during the first six months the membership was increased to sixty.

This very promising state of affairs continued for sometime until the number of numbers was about one hundred and forty; then began the ebbtide, not many new members were added, some of the old ones fell off, the novelty of the thing was over. About this time, that is to say, on the 17th of February, 1860, a fire started in the next building but one to that in which the lodge room was located, and spread so rapidly that lodge room, books, furniture, regalia and emblems were burned; nothing saved.

The Lodge had been living expensively as to rent and furnishings, had not carefully seen to the investing of its funds at interest, and so it was, that, on taking stock after the fire, the members found the total assets amounted to the sum of $800 of insurance.

The membership rapidly declined. Three years passed during which no initiation was had, nor was a degree conferred; the number of members was about twenty-three. Then the old true spirit aroused itself. The few who were left said the Lodge should continue and

prosper ; they set to work to make their words good ; it did prosper. It has had some ebbs and flows, and to day stands one of the best Lodges in the jurisdiction ; has about one hundred and ten members, cares for seven widows and their families, and has nearly $6000.00 well and safely invested.

Only seven of the original members are now in connection with the Lodge ; they it is hoped will remain until called up higher.

ERRATA.

Page 1, 4th line—For "Spray" read "Spry."
Page 6, 16th line—For "J. C. Sewell" read "S. C. Sewell."
Page 8, 28th line—For "T. C. Sewell" read "S. C. Sewell."
Page 32, 6th line from the bottom—For "theirs" read "them.'
Page 33, 1st line—For "Ontario" read "Canada."
Page 33, 6th line from bottom—For "Lache" read "Sache."
Page 33, 5th line from bottom—For "Seseur" read "Leseur.'
Page 45, 6th line—For "22" read "21."

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FRIENDSHIP, LOVE AND TRUTH.

R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West.

MEETING FOR INSTITUTION.

LODGE ROOM, BROCK LODGE, No. 9,
BROCKVILLE, August 23, 1855.

In compliance with a summons of D. D. GRAND SIRE THOMAS REYNOLDS, conveyed to the several Lodges in Canada West, a Meeting was held at 10 A. M., for the purpose of instituting a Grand Lodge, to be known and hailed as "The Grand Lodge of Canada West." D. D. Grand Sire Reynolds proceeded to examine the credentials of the several Representatives and announced to the meeting that the following Past Grands were entitled to a seat as representatives in the new Grand Lodge, viz.:

WM. FITZSIMMONS	*Brock Lodge, No. 9, Brockville.*
GEORGE SHERWOOD	
G. W. MORGAN	*Union Lodge, No. 16, St. Catharines.*
CHAUNCEY YALE	
J. R. COOK	
NICHOLAS RIGGINS	
THOS. FLETCHER	
CHARLES. E. EWING	*Industry Lodge, No. 25, Grafton.*
GEORGE W. ASHTON	*Eureka Lodge, No. 30, London.*
G. T. CLARIS	*Elgin Lodge, No. 32, St. Thomas.*
W. A. GLOVER	*Erie Lodge, No. 33, Pt. Burwell.*
JOHN CAMERON	*Gore Lodge, No. 34, Brantford.*
B. F. VANBROCKLIN	

The D. D. Grand Sire then addressed the Representatives on the state and prosperity of the Order, and proceeded to instruct them in the Grand Lodge Degree, after conferring which, they were desired to elect their Officers for the current year.

Representative VanBrocklin, seconded by Rep. Yale, nominated D. D. G. Sire Reynolds for M. W. Grand Master.—Carried unanimously.

Rep. Sherwood, seconded by Rep. Ewing, nominated Rep. Dixon of Cobourg, as Deputy Grand Master.

Rep Morgan, seconded by Rep. Fletcher, nominated Rep. Yale of St. Catharines, Deputy Grand Master.

Rep. Reynolds, seconded by Rep. VanBrocklin, nominated Rep. John Cameron, as Deputy Grand Master.

A ballot was taken, when Rep. C. Yale was declared elected Deputy Grand Master.

Propositions for the Office of Grand Secretary were then received. —Rep. Cameron, seconded by Rep. Fitzsimmons, nominated Rep. Sherwood. Upon his declining the office, Rep. Sherwood, seconded by Rep. Cameron, named Rep. Fitzsimmons, who also declined. Rep. Fitzsimmons, seconded by Rep. Dixon, proposed Rep. Ewing, who declined. Rep. Yale nominated Rep. Dixon. This nomination was seconded by Rep. Ewing, whereupon Rep. Dixon was duly elected Grand Secretary.

Rep. Cook, seconded by Rep. Fitzsimmons, nominated Rep. Cameron, Grand Warden, and he was declared duly elected.

Rep. Dixon, seconded by Rep. Ashton, nominated Rep. Claris for the Chair of Grand Treasurer, and he was duly elected.

Grand Master elect, Thomas Reynolds, named Rep. Sherwood Grand Marshall ; Rep. Ewing, Grand Conductor ; Rep. Fitzsimmons, Grand Guardian. The D. D. Grand Sire then proceeded to instal the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, Grand Warden, and the Appointed Officers, after which the Grand Master was duly installed by the Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Lodge of Canada West was declared duly Instituted in Most Ancient Form.

The Grand Master having taken the Chair for the transaction of business, it was moved by D. G. M. Yale, seconded by Rep Glover,—That this Grand Lodge do adopt the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States, for the Present Term, in so far as they are applicable to the management of this Grand Lodge. The motion was put and carried.

Moved by Rep. Ewing, seconded by Grand Secretary Dixon,—That the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Representatives Riggins, Cameron, and the mover, be named a Committee to draft a Constitution and By-Laws for the use of this Grand Lodge, and that they present a written copy of such Constitution and By-Laws to this Grand Lodge, for its consideration at their early convenience, but not later than the next Session.—Carried.

Rep. Ewing moved, seconded by Rep. Riggins,—That Grand Master Thomas Reynolds be appointed Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of the United States.—Carried.

The Grand Master proceeded to name the following Committees

On Property,—Reps. VanBrocklin, Dixon and Riggins.

On Finance,—Reps. Ashton, Claris and Cook.

On Laws of Subordinates,—D. G. M. Yale, Reps. Riggins and Cameron.

On State of the Order,—Reps. Cameron, Yale and Fletcher.

Moved by Rep, VanBrocklin, seconded by Rep. Dixon,—That this Lodge do now adjourn, to meet at 7½ p. m.

LODGE ROOM, 7½ P. M.

Lodge reassembled this evening.

Present,—Grand Master in the Chair; Deputy Grand Master, Grand Warden, Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, and all the Representatives.

The Property Committee made their Report, which, on motion of Rep. Morgan, seconded by Rep. Cook, was adopted.*

The Committee on By-Laws made their Report, which was read, and on motion of Rep. Dixon- seconded by Rep. Fitzsimmons, was adopted and ordered to be fyled.*

The Standing Committee on the Good of the Order made their Report, which was read, and on motion of Rep. Cook, seconded by Rep. VanBrocklin, was adopted and ordered to be fyled.*

Rep. Sherwood moved, seeonded by Rep. Ewing,—That when this Lodge adjourns it do adjourn to meet at Brantford, on the third Wednesday in the month of October next.

Whereupon, Rep. Morgan, seconded by Rep. Riggins, moved in amendment,—That the word "Brantford" be struck out of the motion.

The Amendment was put and lost. The Original Motion was then put and declared Carried.

Rep. Claris moved, seconded by Rep. Ashton,—That the expenses of the Representatives to the Grand Lodge of Canada West be a charge upon the Grand Lodge Funds, and so soon as there are sufficient funds on hand, each Subordinate Lodge be reimbursed its expenditure.—Carried.

The Grand Master proceeded to name the following Deputy District Grand Masters:—

For Counties of Kent and Lambton,—P. G. Henry Mears, Amherstburg.

For County of Middlesex.—Rep. G. W. Ashton, London.

For County of Elgin.—Rep. W. A. Glover, Port Burwell.

For Brant and Haldimamd.—Rep. B. F. VanBrocklin, Brantford.

For Lincoln and Welland.—Deputy Grand Master, C. Yale, St. Catharines.

For Durham, Victoria, Northumberland and Ontario.—Rep. C. E. Ewing of Grafton, to be assisted by Grand Secretary Dixon, of Cobourg.

For Leeds and Grenville, Ottawa and the neighboring Counties.—Rep. George Sherwood, Brockville.

Rep. Cameron, seconded by Rep. Ewing, moved,—That we cannot allow this, the first opportunity we have had, to pass, without placing on the Minute Book of the Grand Lodge of Canada West, a record for al.

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*These reports were not entered upon the minutes.

time to come, of our high sense and appreciation of the noble and untiring zeal and truly praiseworthy perseverance of the late District Deputy Grand Sire, Thomas Reynolds, in upholding and maintaining our revered Institution in Canada West, and that too under the most frowning and adverse circumstances, when its utter annihilation was threatened and nearly accomplished. Be it therefore unanimously Resolved, that the Lodges of Canada West owe him a debt of gratitude, and their warmest thanks, for his noble conduct, which we, as their Representatives, do hereby cordially acknowledge and extend to him, and that this Resolution be recorded in enduring characters upon the Minute Book of the Grand Lodge of Canada West.

The Motion was put from the Chair of the Deputy Grand Master, and declared to be carried unanimously, all the Members of the Grand Lodge standing.

Representative Ewing moved, seconded by Rep. Claris,—That this Lodge desires to return its thanks to Brock Lodge No. 9, for the use of the Lodge Room upon this occasion.—Carried.

The Grand Master proceeded, by request, to instruct the Lodge in the Work of the Order.

After which Rep. Sherwood, seconded by Rep. Cameron, moved,—That this Lodge do now adjourn, to meet on the third Wednesday in October next, at 2 p. m.—Carried.

The Grand Master closed the Lodge in Ancient form.

ANTHONY DIXON,
Grand Secretary.

ADJOURNED SESSION.

ODD FELLOWS HALL,
BRANTFORD, October 17th, 1855.

This day the adjourned Session of the Grand Lodge of Canada West, I. O. O. F. convened.

The following is a list of the Representatives present, together with the Lodges represented by them, viz :—

N. RIGGINS,	*Union Lodge, No.* 16.
G. W. MORGAN,	
C. YALE,	
C. E. EWING,	*Industry Lodge, No.* 25.
G. W. ASHTON	*Eureka Lodge, No.* 30.
G. T. CLARIS,	*Elgin Lodge No.* 32.
JOHN CAMERON,	*Gore Lodge, No.* 34.
B. F. VANBROCKLIN,	

In the absence of the Grand Master, the Chair was taken by the

Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Yale, of St. Catharines, and in the absence of the Grand Secretary, Bro. C. E. Ewing of Haldimand, was, by vote, appointed to act in his place, pro tem. The Presiding Officer then proceeded to open the Grand Lodge in due form, after which the following business was transacted.

Two communications were received and read; one from the Grand Master to the Grand Secretary, and one from the Grand Secretary to the Deputy Grand Master, each communication intimating the unavoidable absence of its author, from the Brantford Session of the Grand Lodge. After they were read, it was moved by Rep. Cameron, and seconded by Rep. Claris,—That the two communications just read be received, and placed on the fyles.—Carried.

After some consideration, the following Resolution, referring to the absence of the Grand Master and Grand Secretary, was adopted:

Moved by Rep. Cameron, seconded by Rep. Ewing, and

Resolved.—That considering the importance of this Meeting of the Grand Lodge, adjourned, as it was, to meet at this time, for the purpose of considering and maturing a Constitution and code of By-Laws, for its future guidance and government, in which must necessarily be involved, to a very great extent, the harmony and efficient working of this Grand Lodge, and consequently, the Subordinate Lodges, within its jurisdiction, it is with the most profound regret that we are without the able assistance of the Worthy Grand Master, and Grand Corresponding Secretary, they having intimated that it would be out of their power to be present on this important occasion, and it is hoped that circumstances may never occur again, to require the absence of those important Officers from any of the future meetings of this Grand Lodge; and when such may be the case, it may only be the result of insurmountable obstacles.—Carried.

On motion of Rep. VanBrocklin, the Meeting adjourned to meet again to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock, a. m.

THURSDAY, 9 O'CLOCK, A. M.
October 18th, 1855.

This morning the Lodge was opened, pursuant to adjournment. The Deputy Grand Master in the Chair.

The Lodge was opened by the Presiding Officer, *pro forma*. Then came the main business of the Session, *i. e.*, the consideration of the Report of the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws. This occupied a considerable length of time, as the entire Constitution and By-Laws were read, considered and adopted, not *en masse*, but by Article, Chapter and clause; and hence various opinions were advanced. However, after the whole had been read and considered, the following Resolution was adopted:

Moved by Rep. VanBrocklin, and seconded by Rep. Ashton,—That the Report of the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws, together with the Constitution and Code of By Laws which they have drafted, be, and is hereby received, and approved by this Grand Lodge.—Carried.

The Lodge, after some consideration, passed the following Resolution, which was moved by Rep. Cameron, and seconded by Rep. Ashton:

Resolved.—That the Grand Secretary do, as soon as possible, have the Constitution and By-Laws for the government of this Grand Lodge, just adopted, engrossed in duplicate, and a copy therof sent to the Grand Secretary of the Supreme Grand Lodge at Baltimore, for the sanction and approbation of that Grand Body, in order that the same may go into operation without unnecessary delay.

Rep. Cameron is to see that the Constitution, &c., is engrossed and forwarded properly.

The time and place of the next Session of the Grand Lodge, was then considered, when it was moved by Rep. Morgan, and seconded by Rep. VanBrocklin,

That the Grand Lodge do hold its next Annual Session at St. Catharines on the first Wednesday in August, 1856, commencing at 10 o'clock, a.m., and that the Grand Secretary do impress upon the Subordinate Lodges the necessity and importance of their representatives giving their prompt attendance thereat, as the faithful working of this Grand Body is essential to the success and prosperity of our beloved Order.

After the business of the Meeting was concluded, the following Resolution was moved by Rep. Ewing, and seconded by Rep. Morgan—

Resolved.—That the warmest thanks of the Reps. to the Grand Lodge, are due to the members of Gore Lodge, for the very hospitable and brotherly manner by which their conduct has been marked, during the session of the Grand Lodge in Brantford; and also that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Secretary of Gore Lodge.—Carried unanimously.

The Session was then duly closed, in the ancient form.

CHARLES E. EWING,
G. Secretary, pro tem.

Second Annual Communication

ST. CATHARINES, AUGUST 6TH, 1856.

PRESENT:

The following officers and a quorum of members:—

THOS. REYNOLDS, M. D.,	*M. W. Grand Master*
CHAUNCEY YALE,	*R. W. Deputy Grand Master.*
JOHN CAMERON,	" *Grand Warden.*
ANTHONY DIXON	" *Grand Secretary.*
G. T. CLARIS,	" *Grand Treasurer.*
WM. FITZSIMMONS,	" *Grand Guardian.*

The Credentials of the Grand Representatives in attendance were received and referred to a Committee of Credentials, consisting of R. W. Deputy Grand Master Yale, No 16, D. D. Grand Master VanBrocklin. No. 34.

The Committee on Credentials submitted the following Report, viz:

Your Committee on Credentials find the following Representatives entitled to seats in this Grand Body, having been duly elected by their several Lodges in due form, with the exception of P. G. Joseph Laing, Elgin Lodge, No. 32, whose Certificate of Credential is not properly certified, all of which is respectfully submitted

C. YALE,
B. F. VANBROCKLIN.

THOS. REYNOLDS.....	*Brock Lodge, No. 9.*
WM. FITZSIMMONS,.....	
ANTHONY DIXON,.....	*Ontario Lodge. No. 12.*
L. D. WINCHESTER,.....	*Union Lodge No. 16.*
WM. OSBORN, ...	
CHAUNCEY YALE.....	
JOSIAS GILLRAD,.....	*Industry Lodge, No. 25.*
HENRY MEARS,.....	*Rose Lodge No. 28.*
JAS. HENRY,.....	*Chatham Lodge, No. 29.*
W. BISSELL,.....	*Eureka Lodge, No. 30.*
HIRAM BELL,.....	*Morneth Lodge, No. 31.*
JOSEPH LAING,.....	*Elgin Lodge, No. 32.*
DAVID MERRIL,.....	*Erie Lodge No. 33.*
JOHN CAMERON.....	*Gore Lodge, No. 34.*
B. F. VANBROCKLIN,.....	
ALEXANDER MATHEWS.....	*Samaritan Lodge, No. 35.*

On motion of Rep. Yale, seconded by Rep. VanBrocklin, the said Report was received and adopted, and Rep. Laing allowed to take his seat, notwithstanding the informality in his Credentials.

The said Grand Representatives took their seats accordingly, whereupon the Grand Master delivered the following Annual Address and Report:—

Officers and Brethren.—One year has rolled over our heads since you did me the honor of conferring upon me the highest and most responsible office in your gift. I stand now before you, to render an account of my stewardship—to answer what has been done for the good of the Order in this year of our existence.

I have to render an account of the twofold capacity of your Representative to the Grand Lodge of the United States, and also as your Grand Master.

I need scarcely tell you of how little avail it would be, that I should devote so many hours, frequently stolen from the duties of an arduous profession, if my heart were not in the work, and of how little benefit would be my labours had I not the active co-operation of so many zealous in the cause.

At the Baltimore communication, of the 17th of September last, I met with such a reception that I felt proud of being your Representative—the cordial manner in which the right hand of fellowship was extended to me by all present, from the youngest member of the Lodge up to the venerable founder of the Order in America, P. G. Sire, Thomas Wildey, who with a firm English grasp, welcomed his youngest son from the North, will not readily be forgotten.

Until our Charter was confirmed I was not entitled to a seat, but by courteous vote of the Grand Lodge, the Representative from Nova Scotia and myself were admitted to the floor of that R. W. body. There were present upon this occasion Representatives from the luxurious South, the cold regions of the North, the enterprising hardy sons of the West, and the not less distinguished wisdom of the East; a phalanx of warriors armed with the glorious weapons of our Order, *Friendship, Love and Truth*, and ready to stand forth in the strife in which our brotherhood is engaged—the cause of unselfish, generous benevolence—the cause of common Philanthropy—ignoring all party and political views, and endeavouring to unite all in a cause in which honesty of purpose is a prominent characteristic, a bond of union which requires not traditional lore to give antiquity to its origin, for all ages those alone have been the recognized *Odd Fellows* who have proved themselves to be *honest men*.

Many of the deliberations of the Grand Lodge were of great importance, and I have already laid before the Lodges in this jurisdiction copies of the minutes of the last communication, from which you will have learned what was done. The financial condition of the Order occupied much attention, and in this connexion I may appropriately introduce to you the subject of vital statistics: this subject has deservedly engrossed much deliberation, and where parties are desirous of making ends meet, it is of manifest importance that our expenditure should be closely regulated by the income as well as the probable casualties we have in the human course of events to expect. I would particularly direct your attention to the able reports of the M. W. Grand Sire, and the R. W. Grand Secretary. To both these officers we are greatly indebted for their warm interest in our branch of the Order, and to them personally I feel under many obligations. Referring to their flattering notice of our proceedings, I need only express a hope that we may in time to come prove ourselves worthy of the trust reposed in us—that we may guard, as the apple of our eye, the jewel confided to our care.

It was an occasion of no small regret to me, that I was unable to be present at the short session held in Brantford; the reasons for my non-attendance are known to most of you, and it was quite out of my power to leave home at that time, having been so recently away from my private duties and engagements. I regret it the more from the known and tried worth of the Brethren of Gore Lodge, whose acquaintance I had previously made, and whose services to the Order I shall have occasion presently to notice, and also knowing the importance of having a proper constitution adopted for our guidance hereafter. The disappointment was also heightened by the absence of the Grand Secretary.

In my capacity of Grand Master, much of my time has been required in keeping up the necessary correspondence with the several Lodges. I have endeavored as promptly as possible to reply to every communication, and have the satisfaction of knowing that no letter has remained in my hands more than a day unanswered. Many of the queries addressed to me were easily answered by reference to the Digest and Laws of the Order presented to me at Baltimore: but few of them required much consideration. I shall now take occasion to enumerate them, as all my correspondence will be laid before you, if thought desirable.

In the choice of D. D. Grand Masters made at our first session, I have to congratulate you in having such efficient men of business and

brethren so devoted to the interests of the Order. Without wishing to particularize I cannot refrain from speaking of the ready and able assistance rendered me by Bro. B. F. VanBrocklin, of Brantford, who upon every occasion has proved himself prompt and energetic in the cause of philanthropy—whose good judgment has guided him in casting oil upon the troubled waters without sacrificing correct principle—he is eminently entitled to your thanks for his good offices. May he ever feel the consciousness of having faithfully discharged his duty, and of having proved himself a good warrior in the crusade against selfishness and vice in which we are engaged.

In consequence of some troubles existing in Victoria Lodge, Caledonia, application was made to D. D. Grand Master, Brother VanBrocklin, to visit that Lodge, at that time scarcely able to assemble a sufficient number of members to form a working quorum. He at once suggested a course which I as readily approved of, that they should surrender their old charter and apply for a new one; the new charter was granted, and at the desire of the brethren the name has been changed to Caledonia Lodge No. 27. I am sorry I cannot report to you upon its working. I have the gratification of reporting to you the opening of a new Lodge at Ingersoll, to be known and hailed as *Samaritan* Lodge No. 35; this Lodge was also instituted by Bro. VanBrocklin, assisted by the Brantford Brethren, and in its first report we have a good earnest of its future usefulness and success; the papers relating to these new Lodges are now laid before you for your approval.

To our American brethern we are much indebted for assistance, counsel, and advice; upon more than one occasion have we been under obligations to our brethren in Michigan, for the opening of lodges in the Far West and their subsequent instruction. Bro. Dr. Smith of Detroit, very kindly undertook the duty for me of opening Lodges, and also instructing our brethren. I shall be glad upon some future occasion to know that we can make some adequate return for the repeated kindness shown us.

Some weeks ago, I invited the presence of the Grand Masters of the three neighboring States to be present at this communication, and have received from the Grand Master of Ohio, his polite acceptance of our invitation. I had much pleasure in making the acquaintance of the Representatives from Ohio, and do not feel surprised that in such hands the Order should be in so prosperous and happy a condition.

An application was made to me by D. D. Grand Master Locke of Bell River, Michigan, to allow certain parties, residing in the township of Sombra, C. W., desirous of joining the Order, to connect themselves with a Lodge on the American side of the river St. Clair, inasmuch as our nearest Lodge was situated some 30 miles distant; it was further represented to me, that these parties would shortly be in a position to apply for a charter for a Lodge under our own jurisdiction. I felt much pleasure in granting the necessary permission, and hope shortly to receive an application for a charter from these brethren.

I have the satisfaction of laying before you a summary of the working of all the Lodges in this jurisdiction, by which you will find that our progress though slow has been steadily onward. Much of the dross has been cast off, and the pure metal remains with us. Our members now consist of men of the right stamp, engaged in a good cause, and ready to prompt others to do likewise. In deep sympathy with the struggling energy of Brother Past Grand Master Maclaren, of Quebec,

to revive the Order in Canada East, I have to report to you, that the number of Lodges in that jurisdiction has not increased, and only one Lodge now remains of the large band who were pioneers in the work of the Order in Canada. Bro. Maclaren has bravely buffeted the waves of opposition which have been rising higher and higher, and to his honesty of purpose and firm determination to prove himself an Odd Fellow indeed, it is attributed that the funds have not been divided and the last link broken—the last Lodge in Canada East dissolved. It is not pleasant to reflect upon the misconduct of others, but it is only justice to state that had the Montreal brotherhood been composed of metal of the proper ring—had they not in bygone days been recreant to their duty, they would have now the satisfaction of being in a far different position—their attempt to raise a single "Phœnix" would not be so decided a failure.

Brethren, I shall not longer detain you from the work of the session; I shall gladly convey to you all the information in my power, on matters connected with the Order; it will be your duty to elect at this session the proper officers for the ensuing year; exercise due caution in your choice, and in resigning my charge to my successor, I shall be glad of the assurance, that the work auspiciously begun has a bright future before it, and shall retire with the consciousness that whatever errors may have occurred on my part have not been those of intention. Our Order in Canada now numbers 605 members, with a respectable amount of funds in the several Treasuries. See that you do your duty in compliance with the wishes of the Parent Grand Lodge, which "commands you to visit the sick, relieve the distressed, bury the dead, and educate the orphan;" remember also, that "to whom much is given, of him shall much be required."

THOMAS REYNOLDS,
Grand Master.

The Grand Master then submitted the following Financial Statement for the past year, viz:—

Grand Lodge of Canada West, in account with the Grand Master.

1855.		Dr.	£	s.	d.
August.	To	Express charges on Rebekah Books	0	7	6
	"	Postages	0	4	6
	"	Grant, Messenger	0	5	0
	"	Stationery	0	13	6
Sept.	"	Postages and Telegrams	0	11	6
	"	Paid for Seal at New York	3	0	0
October.	"	Postages	0	7	3
Nov.	"	do.	0	5	9
December	"	do.	0	4	10
1856.					
January	"	Express charges on books	0	11	9
	"	Stationery	0	3	3
	"	Express charges	0	2	6
	"	Postages	0	5	9
February,	"	Postages	0	4	9
March	"	Stationery	0	10	0
	"	Postages	0	4	7
April	"	Postages	0	4	9
May.	"	Monitor Office for Printing	0	15	0
	"	Postages	0	7	6
June.	"	Telegrams	0	2	6
	"	Postages	0	8	0
	"	Express charges	0	2	6

1856		Dr.	£	s.	d.
June.	To	Stationery	0	4	6
July,	"	Postages	0	8	6
	"	Printing Circulars, at Cobourg	1	11	6
	"	Tin box for papers	1	3	9
August	"	Printing Address and Report	1	15	0
	"	Representative Tax for 1856, to G. L. U. S.	12	10	0
	"	Paid for draft	0	1	3
			£28	3	2
		Cr.			
		By Sundry monies from Lodges per Report	89	3	2
		Balance	£61	0	0
		Deduct amount of G. Secretary's account	1	18	9
			£59	1	3

St. Catharines, Aug. 6th, 1856.

Also the following account and communication from Grand Secretary Ridgely :—

Office Cor. & Rec. Secretary, R. W. G. L. U. S.
Baltimore, May 21, 1856.

R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West,

To Right Worthy Grand Lodge, U. S., Dr.

1855. Aug. 23.	To amount of Charter Fee,	$30 00
	" Representative Tax for 1855,	50 00
1856. May 21.	" Representative Tax for 1856,	50 00
		$130 00

Dr. Thomas Reynolds,

D. D. Grand Sire for Canada West.

My Dear Sir and Brother :—You will find the bill against your Grand Lodge annexed. The first item I think, will be remitted at the next session, if you apply for it.

With sincere regards,
Your Friend and Brother,
JAS. L. RIDGELY, C. S.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned until half-past two o'clock, p. m.

Half-past two o'clock p. m.—Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment..

The Grand Master presiding, and the same officers and Representatives present.

The Grand Master called upon the Grand Lodge to nominate and elect its officers for the ensuing year, whereupon it was moved by Rep. Cameron, seconded by Rep. VanBrocklin,

That this Grand Lodge is fully satisfied that it cannot better promote the great interests of our beloved Order within its jurisdiction, than by a re-election of its principal Officer, whose term of office now expires ; and having witnessed the deep and lively interest which he

has invariably evinced for its welfare, and the zeal and fidelity which has ever characterized his discharge of the onerous duties of that high office,

Be it therefore resolved that our justly esteemed and excellent Brother, Past Grand Master Thomas Reynolds, M. D., be again elected to that exalted office for the ensuing term.

Which being put by the Deputy Grand Master, was carried unanimously, all the members standing.

Rep. VanBrocklin then nominated Deputy Grand Master C. Yale, and Deputy Grand Master Yale nominated Rep. VanBrocklin for the office of Deputy Grand Master.

The Grand Master having appointed Rep. Laing and Fitzsimmons tellers, and a ballot being taken, and Rep. VanBrocklin having a majority of votes, he was declared duly elected for the ensuing term.

Rep. Cameron nominated Rep. Winchester as Grand Warden, and he was declared duly elected.

Rep. Laing nominated Rep. Cameron as Grand Secretary, and he was declared duly elected.

Rep. VanBrocklin nominated Rep. Fitzsimmons as Grand Treasurer, and he was declared duly elected.

The next business in order was the installation of Grand Officers.

Past Deputy Grand Master Chauncey Yale presiding.

The Grand Master elect, Thos. Reynolds, M. D., was then presented and duly installed as the M. W. Grand Master of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West, Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

The Grand Master then installed the following Grand Officers, viz:

B. F. VANBROCKLIN,.....*R. W. Deputy Grand Master.*
L. D. WINCHESTER,..... " " " *Warden.*
J. CAMERON,..... " " " *Secretary*
W. FITZSIMMONS,..... " " " *Treasurer*

After which the Grand Master announced the appointment of the following officers, who were duly installed:

A. MATHEWS,..... *W. Grand Marshall.*
HENRY MEARS,..... " *Conductor.*
HIRAM BELL,..... " " *Guardian.*

The M. W. Grand Master, with the concurrence and approval of the Grand Lodge, appointed the following named Representatives as the regular standing Committees for the ensuing year:—

State of the Order—Reps. Laing, Winchester and Mears.
Constitution and By-Laws—Reps, Cameron, Yale and VanBrocklin.
Lodge Returns—Reps. Osburn, Henry and Bissell.
Expenses of Representatives—Reps. Mathews, Bissell and Gillard.
Credentials—P. D. Grand Master Yale and Rep. VanBrocklin.

The Grand Master's Address was then referred to the Committee on the "State of the Order," and his Report, and the various returns from Subordinate Lodges within the jurisdiction, were referred to the Committee on "Lodge Returns,"

There having been a very limited attendance of Representatives at the adjourned meeting of the Grand Lodge, held at Brantford, on the 17th day of October last, it was deemed advisable to take up the important subject of a Constitution, By-Laws and Rules of Order, for the Government of this Grand Lodge, and By-Laws and Rules of Order for the guidance of Subordinate Lodges within its jurisdiction, and after a careful perusal and mature consideration thereof,

On motion of Rep. Cameron, seconded by Rep. VanBrocklin, the Constitution, By-Laws and Rules of Order, for the Government of this Grand Lodge, and the By-Laws and Rules of Order for the regulation and guidance of its Subordinate Lodges, as set forth in the Appendix hereto annexed, were unanimously adopted ; the By-Laws adopted and now in force in Subordinate Lodges, to remain and continue in force in those Lodges until altered or amended in the manner and under the authority of those now adopted. *

On motion of Rep. Cameron the Financial Statement or account of M. W. Grand Master, for the past year ; also the account of the Supreme Grand Lodge of the U. S., accompanied by a communication from Grand Secretary J. L. Ridgely, in relation thereto, were referred to a Committee on Finance, consisting of Representatives VanBrocklin, Yale and Merrill.

Rep. Mears, of Rose Lodge, No. 28, submitted a report of a Committee of that Lodge appointed to consider such measures as would be necessary to bring before the present Session of the Grand Lodge, and the M. W. Grand Master instructed that Representative what he should communicate to his Lodge in relation to the various matters therein brought under consideration.

The Grand Master carefully imparted instruction in the secret work of the Order to the Representatives and a number of Past Grands present on the occasion.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

7TH AUGUST, A. D., 1856, 9 o'clock a. m.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment.

The M. W. Grand Master presiding.

All the Officers and Representatives present.

Lodge opened in usual form.

The reading of the minutes of the proceedings of yesterday having on motion been dispensed with,

The Committee on Lodge Returns submitted the following Report :

* Constitution as originally adopted, with amendments to each clause as adopted since, will be found in the appendix.

St. Catharines, 7th July, 1856.

Most Worthy Grand Master, Officers and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Canada West.

Your Committee, appointed to Report on the Official Returns from Subordinate Lodges, most respectfully Report, that having carefully examined the said returns, they find a number of them either but imperfectly filled up, or inaccurate in other respects, and although such inaccuracies may be but trifling, your Committee deem them incompatible with the perfect working and well being of the Order. Believing the aforesaid errors in the Semi-Annual Reports returned to the Grand Lodge, to be unintentional, in every instance, and the result of want of information, haste, and the rather ambiguous wording of blank Returns, and other causes, your Committee have no desire to censure their Brethren for such errors, but would urge upon Subordinate Lodges, and the Grand Secretary, more vigilant attention to this subject in future, since upon the Reports of these bodies the statistics of the Order are based, and from them alone can a correct opinion be formed of the prosperity and actual state of the Institution in Canada West.

Your Committee therefore feel it their duty to report the following errors in the Semi-Annual Returns of Subordinate Lodges.

Samaritan Lodge.—The half yearly Report for the Term ending June 30, 1856, has returned too small a percentage to the Grand Lodge, and shows a balance in favor of said Grand Lodge, of £3 0s. 3½d.

Chatham Lodge.—Last two Reports incorrect, and your Committee would respectfully recommend that they be returned for correction.

Erie Lodge.—Report for Term ending June 30, 1856, is not correctly given, and there is an apparent error, in the number of Members returned in good standing.

Rose Lodge.—In the Report for Term ending with December, 1855, shows the admission of 15 new Members, and yet reports *none* in good standing. It is without the signature of the Vice Grand. 30 Degrees have been conferred, for which only £9 2s. 6d. has been returned, which would make the price charged for Degrees less than the minimum price fixed by the Constitution, for Subordinates Lodges.

Industry Lodge.—The Report for December, 1855, is only partially filled up, and the one for the Term ending June 30, 1856, shows a deficiency in the per centage to Grand Lodge, a balance remaining unpaid, of £0 12s. 6½d.

Ontario Lodge.—Report for Term ending with December, 1855, has the heading unfilled.

Gore Lodge.—On comparing the last two Reports, there is an apparent discrepancy in the number of Members returned in good standing.

Elgin Lodge.—Similarly defective.

Brock Lodge.—In the Report for December 31st, 1855, the heading is unfilled, the Secretary's name omitted, and a deficiency in the per centage paid Grand Lodge, of £0 12s. 6d.

Morpeth Lodge.—In the Report for December, 1855, the Vice Grand's name is omitted, also an apparent discrepancy in the last two Reports relating to the sum invested, on behalf of widows and orphans.

Eureka Lodge.—A discrepancy in the last two Reports, in the number of Members in good standing, probably owing to no return being made of Members reinstated.

Union Lodge.—The Report for Term ending December 31st, 1855, gives no return of Members in good standing, and there is a deficiency of £1 11s. 5d., in the per centage to Grand Lodge.

From the whole of the Reports received, there is thus shown a total balance in favor of the Grand Lodge of £5 16s. 8d.

In conclusion, your Committee would respectfully suggest that the blank Returns issued to Subordinate Lodges be more explicit. That the word Contributions, about which there seems to be a general misunderstanding, be replaced by the word Donations. That the space allotted to Returns of Widow's and Orphan's Fund, be divided, so that the sum received during the Term may be distinctly shown, in contra-distinction to the total Fund reserved for that purpose; and also, as the discrepancy in number of Members in arrears, who are neither suspended or expelled, not being returnable, they would also suggest that a pro-

per space in said blank Returns be allotted for that purpose.

Which is respectfully submitted in Friendship, Love and Truth,

WILLIAM OSBORNE,
JAMES HENRY,
WILLIAM BISSELL,

On motion of Rep. Dixon, seconded by Rep. VanBrocklin, the said Report was received and adopted.

The Committee on State of the Order submitted the following Report:—

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Canada West, I. O. O. F.

The Committee on State of the Order, beg leave to submit the following Report:

Your Committee has great pleasure in referring to our Brother Representatives of the Grand Lodge the very able and lucid address of our Worthy Grand Master, Brother Thomas Reynolds, who, with his usual matured judgment had given to the Grand Lodge a very full and comprehensive view of the state of the Order within our jurisdiction, much more so than your Committee can give; and for his invaluable services to ourselves and to the Order generally, we ought to feel a grateful remembrance.

We find, from the material placed in our hands, that the Order within our jurisdiction, is progressing steadily onward; and from the short time that our Grand Lodge has been in existence, there is evidently manifested a still more progressive spirit among our Order, which cannot be better shown than by our present Grand Lodge Meeting, every Subordinate Lodge being represented. And by our Annual Report, we find we have got 605 members in good standing.

The Widow and Orphans' Fund, that brightest jewel of our Order, shows the handsome amount of £1033. The General Fund amounts to £1223. It satisfies your Committee that by continued exertion there will be consummated in Canada West a great and extensive Brotherhood, joined in the Bonds of Friendship, Love and Truth.

In looking over the condition of Individual Lodges, we find,

1*st.*—*Brock Lodge*, Brockville, the oldest Lodge in Canada West, which through the enlivening energy of our Worthy Grand Master has sustained itself through good and bad report, in such times as no other had to contend with, which had within itself the germinating power of our present condition.

2*nd.*—*Ontario Lodge*, Cobourg. This Lodge is in good, healthful condition, and shows last year a great increase in membership.

3*rd.*—*Union Lodge*, St. Catharines, the largest Lodge in our jurisdiction, numbering 150 members in good standing, with a large amount of funds, giving satisfactory evidence of its prosperous condition, and the energy of its officers, one among whom we have to mention, is P. W. D. Grand Master Chauncy Yale, whose zeal has ever been foremost in the good work.

4*th.*—*Industry Lodge*, Grafton, a small Lodge progressing slowly, but with evident prosperity.

5*th.*—*Caledonia Lodge*, Caledonia. Your Committee regret the breaking up of this once prosperous Lodge, through the evil designs and ignorance of pretended Brothers. Your Committee are of opinion that the principal cause of its failure was the indiscriminate initiating of every one who requested admittance, without regard to moral standing; and your Committee would further submit to the Grand Lodge, that upon a proper selection depends our general prosperity and welfare. From the very able and valuable Reports received from D. D. G. M., Brother VanBrocklin, whose great exertions to resuscitate the Caledonia Lodge, and the general interest he has taken in his District, deserves our warmest thanks.

6*th.*—*Rose Lodge*, Amherstburg, a very prosperous Lodge, which has more than doubled its numbers last year, and from the interest taken by its officers, we anticipate a large increase during the coming year.

7*th.*—*Chatham Lodge*, Chatham, a small Lodge, but increasing. This Lodge has had more difficulties to contend with than any other within the jurisdiction, on account at the time of the breaking up of the Lodge of the Manchester Unity a complete division took place among the Brotherhood; but now we are happy to say that there is every appearance of a permanent progress.

8th.—Eureka Lodge, London, an excellent working Lodge, and increasing in membership; and from the known ability of its officers, we look for a large accession of members.

9th.—Morpeth Lodge, Morpeth, a small Lodge in a country locality, and for its position has succeeded beyond our expectations.

10th.—Elgin Lodge, St. Thomas, a Lodge in good working order, and steadily increasing.

11th.—Erie Lodge, Port Burwell, a large Lodge, and, from its admission into the Order, has gone on with a great deal of energy and enterprise.

12th.—Gore Lodge, Brantford, one of our best Lodges, and from the spirit exhibited by its officers, will still further increase; and to the counsels and exertions of the D. D. G. M., Bro. VanBrocklin, the Gore Lodge are much indebted.

13th.—Samaritan Lodge, Ingersoll, a new Lodge, opened in January of this year, and now numbers 32 members. The enterprise exhibited by the progress of this Lodge, gives us encouragement for the future, in the fact that Oddfellowship has taken hold of the public mind; and we have no doubt that before another year a number of other Lodges will be brought into existence, to strengthen and extend our sphere of usefulness.

We would express our sympathy with Bro. McClaren of Canada East, for the very arduous but unsuccessful attempt to revive the Order in his section of the Province, as his labors must have been trying to a high minded Brother and true Oddfellow, in buffeting the opposition which it is evident he had to encounter. Still, as there is one Lodge left, we have hope that it may remain as a starting point for future success. We are much indebted to our American Brethren for the kind sympathy and encouragement they have afforded us, particularly the Grand Secretary, Bro. Ridgley, of the Grand Lodge of the United States; and Bro. Dr. I. Smith, of Detroit, who has ever been assidiously earnest, in giving assistance and advice.

The Committee express satisfaction for the prospect now held out for the good and welfare of the Order in our jurisdiction, by the recent election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year; as from their known ability and heartfelt desire to extend the blessings of Odd Fellowship, we anticipate great results in diffusing the principles of Friendship, Love and Truth.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH LAING,
HENRY MEARS.
L. D. WINCHESTER.

On motion of Rep. Dixon, seconded by Rep. Mathews, the said Report was received and adopted.

The Committee on Expenses of Representatives submitted the following Report:—

To the Most Worthy Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of I. O. O. F., C. W.

That having examined the Finances of this Grand Lodge, and found them insufficient to meet the coming demands against this Lodge, recommend that for this year the expenses of its members be paid by the Lodges sending such Representatives. All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. MATHEWS,
WM. BISSELL,
JOSIAS GILLARD.

COMMITTEE ROOM,
St. Catharines, Aug. 6th, 1856.

On motion of Rep. Yale, seconded by Rep. VanBrocklin, the same was adopted,

The Committee on Finance laid before the Grand Lodge their Report as follows:—

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Canada West.

COMMITTEE ROOM, ST. CATHARINES, Aug. 7th, 1856.

The Finance Committee, to whom was referred the M. W. Grand Master's account, beg leave to submit the following Report:—

Your Committee find on examination that the receipts for the year ending

	£	s.	d.
30th June, amount in the aggregate to	89	9	2
And that the Expenditures for the same period are as follows :—			
Percentage to G. L., U. S.,	15	11	3
Past Secretary's account,	1	18	9
Postage,	3	7	8
Tin Box and Printing,	3	15	0
Stationery,	1	15	0
Books and Cards,	1	8	9
Express Charges,	0	7	9
	28	8	2
	£61	0	0
Deduct Grand Secretary's Bill of	1	18	9
Leaving a balance of	£59	1	3

Your Committee will state that the vouchers of the Grand Secretary are correct. The Percentage of the Right Worthy G. L., U. S., and the Seal of this Grand Lodge form a large item in the account of disbursements; and that your Committee have no vouchers before them for the balance of the account of the M. W. Grand Master; but are of unanimous opinion that the amounts are severally correct, and would recommend the adoption of this Report by the R. W. Grand Lodge.

With regard to the account of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, your Committee are of opinion that the percentage for the years 1855-56, should not be paid for both years, as more than half the year had expired before we had an organization as a Grand Body; and also not having a vote in that R. W. Grand body, your Committee are of opinion that the demand is not just and right, and would therefore, in view of these facts, urge upon the consideration of the Grand Lodge to instruct our Grand Representative if possible to obtain a remittance of the percentage for 1855; also the Charter Fee for the organization of this R. W. Grand Lodge.

Another consideration your Committee would urge is,that our Grand Representative paid at the last communication of the R. W. Grand Lodge the sum of £150, including the percentage of the several Lodges in its jursisdiction, up to the first day of July, 1855.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

B. F. VANBROCKLIN.
C. YALE.
D. MERRILL.

On motion of Rep. Mathews, seconded by Rep. Gillard, the same was adopted.

On motion of Rep. Mathews, seconded by Rep. Bell, it was ordered that this Grand Lodge do instruct its Representative to the next Annual Communication of the Supreme Grand Lodge, to support the Report of a Committee of that Grand body, recorded in its last Annual Journal of Proceedings, page 2458, in so far as the last clause thereof is concerned, should the subject again come up for consideration.

On motion of Rep.Henry, seconded by Rep. Bissell, a vote of thanks was awarded to the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws, &c., for the Government of this Grand Lodge and its subordinates, for the able manner in which they have performed the important duty assigned to them.

On motion of Rep. VanBrocklin, seconded by Rep. Merrill, that it be Resolved,—That when this Grand Lodge adjourns, it do stand adjourned to meet at the Town of Brantford, on the first Wednesday in August 1857.

It was moved in amendment by Rep. Laing, seconded by Rep. Henry, that this Grand Lodge do hold its next Session at the City of London.

The amendment being put and carried, the original motion was lost.

On motion of Rep. VanBrocklin, seconded by Rep. Yale, it was ordered that the Constitution, By-Laws, and Rules of Order for the government of the Grand Lodge and its Subordinates, finally adopted at the present Session, shall go into effect immediately from and after the publication thereof.

On motion of Rep. VanBrocklin, seconded by Rep. Yale, the Grand Secretary was instructed to have the Journal of Proceedings of this Grand body, from the time of its institution down to the present Session inclusive, printed in pamphlet form; and that 200 copies be obtained for the use of the Grand Lodge and its Subordinates.

The M. W. Grand Master, with the concurrence of the Grand Lodge, divided the Jurisdiction into districts, and appointed the following Representatives, District Deputy Grand Masters for the ensuing year, that is to say:

For Kent and Lambton,—Rep. Henry, Chatham.

For Middlesex,—Rep. Bissell, London.

For Elgin East,—Rep. Merrill, Port Burwell.

For Elgin West—P. G; Claris, St. Thomas.

For Brant & Haldimand—Rep. VanBrocklin, Brantford.

For Lincoln & Welland,—Rep. Yale, St. Catharines.

For Northumberland, Durham, Peterborough & Victoria,—P. G; Ewing.

For Leeds and Grenville,—Rep. Fitzsimmons, Brockville.

For Oxford,—Rep. Mathews, Ingersoll.

On motion of Rep. Laing, seconded by Rep. Bissell, the sum of £5 was ordered to be paid to D. D. Grand Master VanBrocklin, for services and expenses in visiting, and endeavouring in the most energetic and praiseworthy manner to resuscitate Caledonia Lodge, No. 27, at Caledonia, and failing in that object in obtaining a surrender of the Charter, together with the Books and Funds of that Lodge.

On motion of Rep. Laing, seconded by Rep. Bissell, it was resolved that a vote of thanks be, and the same is hereby tendered, to the officers and Brethren of Union Lodge, No. 16, for the use of their Lodge Room, and for the very great kindness and courtesy manifested and extended by them to the Grand Lodge, during its present Session.

The business of this Session of the Grand Lodge having been brought to a close, the same adjourned, to meet at the City of London, on the first Wednesday in the month of August, 1857.

Attest,

JNO. CAMERON,
Grand Secretary. G. L. C. W.

REPORT OF THOS. REYNOLDS, M.D., GRAND MASTER GRAND LODGE, C. W., FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30th, 1856.

NAME.	No.	Initiation.	Admission by Card.	Rejections.	Withdrawn.	Suspended.	Expelled.	Reinstated.	Deceased.	Degrees conferred.	Members in good standing.	Widows.	Amount paid sick benefits.			Funeral benefits.			W. & O. Fund.			General Fund.			Percentage paid.			WHERE SITUATED.	WHEN INSTITUTED.
													£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		
Brock	9	3	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	26	58	1	13	5	..	..	..	..	237	16	..	4	2	6	6	..	..	Brockville	5 Mar., 1846.
Ontario	12	12	0	1	2	2	1	0	0	57	41	0	1	..	..	..	..	..	40	10	11½	43	14	1	6	15	..	Cobourg.	" 1846.
Union	16	6	3	0	4	0	2	0	1	23	150	7	32	..	..	3	15	..	552	10	7½	728	13	5	9	9	3	St. Cath.	17 " 1846.
Industry	25	8	0	2	0	8	0	0	0	32	25	0	8	5	..	..	..	..	30	..	..	52	7	2	5	16	11	Grafton.	13 June, 1850.
Caledonia	27	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Caledonia.	.....
Rose	28	24	0	5	0	1	..	..	..	45	41	0	2	5	..	..	..	..	4	9	11	..	..	..	5	16	..	Amhersb'g	Jany, 1854.
Chatham	29	9	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	14	16	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11	17	11	2	4	1	Chatham.	Jany, 1854.
Eureka	30	14	3	0	2	18	14	0	0	26	35	0	1	..	..	7	10	..	88	9	10	86	0	5	7	18	8	London.	2 Feb., 1854.
Morpeth	31	3	0	0	1	5	0	0	0	9	22	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	15	..	20	..	..	1	17	3	Morpeth.	Feb., 1854.
Elgin	32	10	0	2	1	2	0	0	0	50	38	0	..	16	..	..	..	..	52	18	2	123	..	..	6	12	6	St. Thos.	3 May, 1854.
Erie	33	24	1	2	2	1	0	0	8	103	62	0	5	5	..	..	..	..	17	0	6	59	1	7	9	6	7½	Pt Burwell	6 Oct., 1854.
Gore	34	25	4	3	1	0	1	0	0	112	76	0	..	15	..	..	..	..	18	1	4	79	..	7	14	13	..	Brantford.	27 Dec., 1854.
Samaritan	35	33	0	3	0	0	0	1	..	24	32	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	11	6	28	12	9	12	12	10½	Ingersoll.	30 Jan. 1856.
		171	11	18	21	38	20	0	10	521	605	8	63	11	..	11	5	..	1033	17	10	1925	16	11	89	3	2		

REMARKS;—Brock—Oldest Lodge in C. W. Ontario—Proved itself worthy of resuscitation. Union—Largest in the Jurisdiction. Industry—Small but active in cause. Caledonia—Not working. Rose—A good Lodge. Chatham—Report imperfect. Eureka—Thriving and well worked. Morpeth—A well regulated Lodge. Elgin—Under satisfactory management. Erie—Steadily increasing. Gore—A faithful ally in the cause. Samaritan—£7 10s. for charter, a promising Lodge.

Third Annual Communication

HELD IN THE

CITY OF LONDON, AUGUST 4TH, 1857.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled this day, being the Annual Communication, when the roll being called, the following members were found to be present:

THOMAS REYNOLDS, M. D.....*M. W. Grand Master.*
B. F. VANBROCKLIN.....*R. W. Deputy Grand Master.*
JOHN CAMERON.....*R. W. Grand Secretary.*
W. FITZSIMMONS.....*R. W. Grand Treasurer.*
HENRY MEARS.....*W. Grand Conductor.*
HIRAM BELL.....*W. Grand Guardian.*

The credentials of the Grand Representatives in attendance from the various Lodges within its jurisdiction, having been received and referred to a Committee on Credentials, consisting of B. F. VanBrocklin, D. G. M., and P. G.'s C. Yale and G. W. Morgan, the Committee submitted the following report, viz.:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West:

Your Committee on Credentials, would submit the following as the result of their examination, the names contained in which they find have been duly elected and accredited to sit as Representatives in this Grand body, viz.:

P. G.	THOMAS REYNOLDS	*Brock Lodge, No. 9.*
"	WM. FITZSIMMONS	
"	C. YALE	*Union Lodge, No. 16.*
"	S. G. DOLSON	
"	WM. TAYLOR	*Industry Lodge, No. 25.*
"	WM. HEDLEY	*Rose Lodge, No. 28.*
"	JAMES HENRY	*Chatham Lodge, No. 29.*
"	JAMES WESTLAND	*Eureka Lodge, No. 30.*
"	G. W. MORGAN	*Elgin Lodge, No. 32*
"	W. A. GLOVER	*Erie Lodge, No. 33.*
"	B. F. VANBROCKLIN	*Gore Lodge, No. 34.*
"	JOHN CAMERON	
"	EDWARD LONG	*St. Marys Lodge, No. 36.*
"	CHARLES PERLEY	*Imperial Lodge, No. 37.*
"	G. D. BRADWAY	*Forest City Lodge, No. 38.*

Your Committee find trifling informalities in some of the credentials, but deem them of no importance. They find that Rep. Hedley, of Rose Lodge 28, is without his credentials, the same having been lost or mislaid, but are satisfied that he has been duly elected and entitled to a seat here. Samaritan, Morpeth and Ontario Lodges are as yet unrepresented.

Your Committee would express the great pleasure they feel in being able to report so full a representation at this, the third annual communication of the Grand Lodge, indicating as it does the steady march, increasing prosperity, and

future success of the noble order, of which this Grand Lodge is as yet a young, and, comparatively speaking, feeble branch.

Fraternally submitted,

B. F. VANBROCKLIN,
C. YALE,
GEO. W. MORGAN.

On motion of Rep. Cameron, seconded by Rep. VanBrocklin, the report was adopted.

The following Past Grands presented certificates of their being entitled to membership, and were accordingly admitted and received, viz.:

P. G. G. H. DENNISON	*Union Lodge,*	*No.*	16.
" JOHN CHAPIN			
" W. SMITH	*Eureka*	"	"	30.
" ST. GEORGE CAULFIELD	*Elgin*	"	"	32.
" W. A. GLOVER	*Erie*	"	"	33.
" GEORGE VAREY	*Gore*	"	"	34.

A quorum being present:

The Grand Master, with the sanction of the Grand Lodge, appointed P. G. St. George Caulfield, Grand Chaplain; Rep. W. A. Glover, Grand Warden; and P. Rep. Henry Mears, Grand Marshall, *pro tem.*, which being done, the M. W. Grand Master declared the Grand Lodge open for the transaction of business.

Prayer having been offered up by P. G. the Rev. St. George Caulfield, Grand Chaplain *pro tem.*

The Grand Master announced the following Committees, viz.:

On the State of the Order—Reps. Bradway, Mears and Glover.

Lodge Returns—Reps. Henry, Westland and Hedley.

Finance—Reps. Fitzsimmons and Taylor.

Laws of Subordinates—Reps. VanBrocklin, Yale and Cameron.

Appeals—Reps. VanBrocklin, Yale and Fitzsimmons.

On motion of Grand Secretary Cameron, seconded by Grand Treasurer Fitzsimmons, all communications and papers appertaining to the business of the said committees respectively, were referred to them, to enable them to report.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned until 2 o'clock p. m.

TWO O'CLOCK P. M.

The Grand Lodge met.

The Grand Master presiding, and the same Officers and Representatives present. Representatives Dixon, of Ontario Lodge, and Morrison of Samaritan Lodge, having entered and presented their credentials, took their seats.

The M. W. Grand Master then delivered the following Annual Address and Report:

OFFICERS AND BRETHREN :

Once more we have the privilege of assembling together as Representatives of the Lodges of the Order, in Canada West; banded together by links which hold us by none other than a moral force; associated in a common cause of philanthropy; armed with no other weapons but such as should be in the hands of every good subject and every Christian man. Our little community consisted a twelvemonth ago of 12 Lodges and 603 members; our labours have been blessed with a good increase; while we have been under the necessity of lopping off many useless and decayed members, the parent stock has been strengthened by the addition of timber of a better growth. We now number 15 Lodges and 738 members in good standing. In recording the removal of several from our ranks for their own carelessness; and a few who proved themselves recreant to their duty and unworthy of a seat within our counsels, we have, with thankfulness to the Great Giver of every good and perfect gift, to report that of those who met with us in solemn deliberation this time last year, but one has been called to the dread bar of judgment. P. G. Osborne, of Union Lodge St. Catharines, whose zeal for the advancement of the great work in which we are engaged was unfaltering, whose great pleasure it was at all times to obey the commands of our order, has been called from our midst. "Within our jurisdiction," says the worthy brother who reports to me this bereavement, "we have lost a bright example of unswerving fidelity and attachment to our noble Institution and its heaven-born principles." His relations and friends have our sincere sympathy; we trust that their loss is his eternal gain; that he has his reward in the mansions of eternal bliss.

It is also my painful duty to announce to you the decease of another highly respected brother, who though not living within our jurisdiction, was always considered one of our very selves. He was one of the little band who united with and counselled me cordially in the movement to which we owe our present existence as a Grand Lodge. P. G. T. McClaren of Quebec, perished in the late heartrending steamboat disaster—one of the victims of the sad mismanagement of the ill-fated *Montreal.* Brother McClaren struggled manfully to keep alive the small remaining flame of Odd Fellowship flickering in Canada East, but I am sorry to add, without the success which his exertions merited. A few days before his sad end he wrote me, "although envy is a sin, I feel almost inclined to commit it, when I see the position you occupy in respect to our beloved Order: your circular calling the meeting of the Grand Lodge at London, has caused me some pain as it arrived at a time when we were about committing suicide, and by the time your meeting is held we shall be no more. The skill of one physician has kept the Order alive in Canada West, but I fear it would require half a dozen of such to resuscitate it in Canada East." We hope he was spared the pain of seeing the last Lodge in his jurisdiction broken up and the funds divided as was contemplated—a measure which he had for a long time contended against almost single-handed. I cannot refrain from transcribing the words of the Quebec paper which brought me the notice of his melancholy death: "He was a man who proved by his example that intellect can elevate and Christianity soften the rigor of any office, who brought to the management of a jail an amount of judgment, sagacity, resolute intrepidity, and the power of methodical management, which might have sufficed for the command of a fleet or the generalship of an

army." I may only add that his remains were followed to their last resting place by the principal citizens of Quebec, and by what would more than anything else have been a gratification to him, the children of St. Peter's School of which he was the Superintendent. It is recorded "inasmuch as ye did it unto the least of these little ones, ye did it unto me." His fidelity to his trust has verily not been without its reward.

I regret exceedingly that I was unable to appear at Baltimore as your representative to the Grand Lodge, U. S. that I was unable to thank our brethren for their many acts of kind consideration towards us. The proceedings of this communication are in your hands and you will observe that our interests were not left unprotected. You are, I dare say, aware that although I could not from pressure of professional engagements leave home, as strong a representation as possible was made for the remission of the claim against us by the G. L., U. S. The application at first was unsuccessful, but upon reconsideration by the committee, through the kind offices of the R. W. Grand Secretary, Bro. Ridgely, whose name is dear to us all, and especially to those who have the high privilege of his acquaintance, all that we asked was granted, our representation of the case was sufficient to satisfy those who were adverse to our petition. The question in which some of you expressed a strong interest at our last meeting, the mergement of the Encampment order has not yet been settled. It is too long a subject to enter upon. but I am happy to tell you that the growing desire to satisfy the requirements of the Order in this respect is likely to meet with a generous response from all parties. I must not now omit to acknowledge with many thanks the receipt from the various Grand Lodges of the Union, of copies of their proceedings in the past year, and at the same time to apologize to them for not returning the compliment to all who so favored us. Most of these documents are replete with matter of the deepest interest and instruction, and I trust the several Grand bodies will excuse us for exercising a rigid economy in our management, putting up with the inconvenience of not having appropriate regalia and jewels for our Grand Lodge, in preference to incurring a debt upon the head of our successors. We hope that this explanation will be accepted, and that we may be found to have engraven in our hearts the stern realities of which these emblems and symbols speak so plainly to the external senses.

Much exertion has been made for the advancement of the Order in the western section of the Province by our worthy D. D. Grand Masters. I have looked in vain for some sign for good in the East, but the cloud is yet "no bigger than a man's hand," Three new Lodges have been opened whose names will be found in our Report—the one at Mt. Vernon, instituted by the Deputy Grand Master and Grand Secretary, the Lodge at St. Mary's, and the very promising Lodge, taking the name "Forest City," by our highly respected and energetic Brother Bissell, who I am proud to say yields to no one in zeal for the cause in which we are laboring. I am happy to lay before you Reports from our Deputies VanBrocklin, Bissell, Henry and Claris, with the hope that others will be stimulated by their good example—will be prompted to go and do likewise. While upon this subject allow me to suggest to you the propriety of sending an officer of this Grand Lodge to the several Towns where Lodges formerly existed or where new ones are likely to be formed, imparting necessary information, stirring up our Brethren to renewed exertion, collecting the scattered properties of the order, and

inducing the Lodges in good standing to work uniformly. I endeavored but in vain to procure the services of an efficient visitor for the Lodges since last session. A system of proselytizing is at all times to be deprecated, but at the same time it must be admitted that by judicious visitation of the kind I refer to, much good would undoubtedly accrue to the order. There was an appeal case of some importance from one of the Lodges, which I intended to submit for your adjudication, but as the party has since been expelled from the order and is consequently beyond our control, it will be unnecessary to lay the matter before you or take up your time. I have had a good many decisions to make since last session, and have endeavored as far as possible to be guided by the laws of the Grand Lodge, U. S. Among others I decided that when the fact of a candidate's predisposition to ill health or his liability in any way to become a burden to the Lodge, is discovered between the time of his election and the time of initiation, the Lodge is at liberty and will be justified in refusing him admission. I also rule that a P. G. depositing his card in a Lodge is entitled to his rank in that Lodge, but is otherwise governed by the local By-laws. The name under which the dispensation for a Lodge at Mt. Vernon was granted was Kirby Lodge, but upon a petition of the members and with the advice of the D. G. M. VanBrocklin, it has been changed to Imperial Lodge No. 37. I am very happy to notice that through the exertions of our worthy Bro. D. D. G. M. Claris, the ladies of St. Thomas have shown an interest in our order, and a goodly number have received the degree of Rebecca. It is pleasing to notice the advancement of this branch of the order. Wherever the influence of woman is exerted in a labor of love, good must result.

> "Her freedom spreads unfever'd and serene,
> And sovereign man can condescend to see
> The throne and laws more sovereign still than he."

It is in the day of affliction—it is in the hour of adversity, when the false friends of the world frown instead of fawning upon us, as they are wont to do in the sunshine of our prosperity, that woman's true nobleness of heart is felt—woman's cheering counsel is given. What greater blessing can there be than the embodiment of

> "A perfect woman, nobly plann'd,
> To warn, to comfort and command;
> And yet a spirit still and bright
> With something of an angel light."

There are several matters which will engage your consideration at this session and I trust that they will meet with free and fair discussion. If anything should occur in which my little experience can be made available for the general good, freely as I have received information from others, am I as freely disposed to impart it. I have to thank the officers of the Grand Lodge who have so kindly co-operated with me in the work, and to express the sincere hope that my successor may be equally well supported. Ours is a cause to which the energies we are possessed of, should most unreservedly be devoted. It gives us free scope for the exercise of principles founded upon justice to ourselves and our fellow men. We claim no prominent place—we say not "stand off, we are holier than thou;" but we do say that if we have attained to "light and liberty" we are the more responsible for it. We ask others to examine our fellowship, and if they see aught of good in it to

follow our example. To our own members we say, be not weary in well-doing—be not satisfied in having filled the chairs of your Lodge; the command of your order is still binding upon you—the purpose for which the Order was instituted never dies—persevere then in the good cause while this earthly tenement incases the brighter spirit within!

"Endure and shrink not, we of nobler clay,
May temper it to bear, 'tis but for a day."

THOMAS REYNOLDS,
Grand Master.

LONDON, C. W., 5th August, 1857.

The Grand Secretary then submitted the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West, I. O. O. F.:

It has been the commendable custom and practice of those who have been appointed to fill a similar office to the one which you at your last Annual Communication did me the honor (much against my wish, for reasons which I then expressed.) to confer upon me, to lay before the Grand body in which they may have held the office, a detailed report or statement of the manner in which they may have discharged the duties thereof during their respective incumbencies, and I have observed that many of these reports are the result of much, and oftentimes great labour and consideration.

It has, however, been my good fortune to have been so honored under and during the administration of one, I mean the honored originator and founder of your noble institution in this section of the Province, who has watched over its every interest, and been unto it a nursing father from its birth up to the present cheering, gratifying, and (as I hope from the bottom of my heart it may prove) auspicious moment, that I have had little or nothing to do; indeed, he feels such a paternal regard and solicitude for all its interests, both physical and mental, as to be unwilling to trust even the least of them in the hands of any of his subordinates without his supervision; and while those interests have been thus better promoted and protected, the labour of his subordinates has been rendered comparatively light and easy, and, therefore, I, as one of them, have very little to say on this occasion, indeed nothing, unless it is by way of apology.

When I accepted the post assigned me, I did it most reluctantly, fearing, as I did at the time, and as I then stated to you, that my official and professional duties were likely to be such as to render it out of my power to discharge those which would necessarily devolve upon me by its acceptance in a manner worthy of their importance, and my fears have been more than realized, as I feel that I have come far short of my duty in many, if not in every respect.

I am consoled, however, in the reflection, that the great interests of our beloved and heaven-born institution, under a good and all-wise Providence, in the hands of our noble, most excellent, and highly esteemed Grand Master, have not suffered in any manner, but contrarywise have been promoted beyond anything we could have anticipated under all circumstances, and such being the case, I can and do with some degree of confidence throw myself upon your kind and fraternal indulgence for all my short comings, and sins of commission and omission, since I was honored with the office which I now surrender up to your hands.

A statement of any financial matters that may have passed through my hands will be duly laid before you, and all books, papers, documents. and other things appertaining to, or belonging to the office will be handed over to my successor.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

JNO. CAMERON,
Grand Secretary, G. L., C. W.

GRAND LODGE ROOM,
London, C. W., August 5th, 1857.

On motion of Rep. Cameron, seconded by Rep. Perley, the very able and eloquent Annual Address and Report of the M. W. Grand Master, delivered this day were referred to the Committee on the State of the Order, to which was added the names of Reps. Yale and VanBrocklin.

On motion of Rep. VanBrocklin, seconded by Rep. Fitzsimmons, the report of the Grand Secretary was referred to the same Committee.

On motion of Rep. Yale, seconded by Rep. Westland, so much of the annual address of the Grand Master as refers to the very melancholy death of that most worthy and justly esteemed and now lamented brother P. G. McClaren, of Canada East, was referred to a Committee consisting of Reps. VanBrocklin, Yale, Mears, Glover and Bradway, to report thereon.

On motion of Rep. Morgan, seconded by Rep. Fitzsimmons, the Grand Lodge was closed in its degree, and opened in the Scarlet for the transaction of business, to enable brethren of that degree to be present and witness its proceedings.

On motion of Rep. Cameron, seconded by Rep. VanBrocklin, it was ordered that the M.W. Grand Master do endeavour to obtain an appropriate and suitable design for a charter for Lodges in this jurisdiction, and submit the same at the next session.

Rep. Dixon having read a letter from Ontario Lodge, asking that the next session of the Grand Lodge might be held at Cobourg, on motion of Rep. Cameron, seconded by Rep. VanBrocklin, the same was ordered to lie on the table until after the election of Grand Officers.

The M. W. Grand Master and Treasurer, having submitted their Financial statement of the Grand Lodge for the past year: On motion of Rep. Cameron, seconded by Rep. Yale, the same was referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion of Rep. Cameron, seconded by Rep. Fitzsimmons, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Resolved,—That the Grand Lodge feels most painfully and acutely the great loss which it and the Order generally have sustained in the inscrutable decree of an All-wise Providence, which in its wisdom has called from labor to reward, our departed and deeply lamented Brother, Representative Wiliam Osborne, of Union Lodge, No. 16: that in his unexpected death we feel that our beloved Institution has lost a bright example of unswerving fidelity and attachment to its noble and heaven-born principles, and this Grand body, of which he was a most worthy and truly exemplary member, deeply deploring and lamenting the loss which it has thus been called upon to endure, would convey to Union Lodge and the bereaved and afflicted widow and fatherless children of that departed and lamented Brother its sincere, deep, and heartfelt sympathy for the great and

irreparable bereavement which, in the dispensations of Providence, they have been called upon to suffer. With him,

"Life's labors done,
Serenely to his final rest he passed:
While the soft memories of his virtues yet
Linger like twilight hues when the bright sun has set.,'

Resolved,—That a copy of the above Resolution, and of the Grand Master's Annual Address, in which the melancholy event is so beautifully and appropriately brought under our notice, be transmitted by the Grand Secretary to the Noble Grand of Union Lodge, of which he was a distinguished Member,to be by that Officer delivered to his bereaved and afflicted widow and family, to be by them preserved as an expression of the high estimation in which he was held by this Grand body, of which he was a bright ornament and most exemplary Member.

On motion of Rep. Cameron, seconded by Rep. VanBrocklin, the same was ordered to be carried into effect.

The Committee on Finance submitted the following report:

COMMITTEE ROOMS,
LONDON, 5th August, 1857.

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Canada West:

The Finance Committee, to whom was referred the financial matters of the Lodge, beg leave to report that they have examined the Grand Treasurer's bonds, and find that they are duly executed to the Grand Lodge; they have also carefully examined the Report of the Grand Treasurer, and the vouchers accompanying the same, and find them correct, showing a balance on hand of £120 1s. 8d. They have also to congratulate the Lodge upon the economical financial manangement of the past year, and are happy to hear from the Grand Master, that the Lodge will be in a position to defray half the expenses of the present meeting, which proposition they cordially recommend for the action of the Grand Lodge.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. TAYLOR,
Chairman.

On motion of Rep. Taylor, seconded by Rep. Perley, the same was adopted.

The Committee on official Returns submitted the following report:

LODGE ROOM, LONDON, C. W.,
August 5th, 1857.

To the M. W. Grand Master, Officers and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Canada West.

Your Committee appointed to report on the Official Returns from subordinate Lodges, most respectfully report:

That having carefully examined the said returns, they find that through error and misapprehension of the heading of said returns, many inaccuracies have occurred therein, and would draw the attention of Secretaries to one especial fact, which will prevent many errors in returns, viz., that the word "Dues," means only such portion of dues as is placed to the credit of the "General Fund," omitting under that head all monies placed to the credit of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund," and would further direct your attention to the following notes on each report:

Brock Lodge, No. 9, for 30th June, 1857—The percentage due Grand Lodge should be 1 6 c'y. more than is stated.

Ontario Lodge, No. 12—Return not signed by the proper Noble Grand.

Union Lodge, No. 16—Return incorrect as to number of members in good standing.

Return, 31st December, 1856, states, Members good	103
" 30th June, 1857, states, admitted	10
Making	113
Return 30th June, 1857, states, Suspended, expelled and deceased	33
Real number of good members	80
Return states it to be	109

We also find they return the percentage as £6 10s.. when it should really be £5 5s.—being £1 5s. overpaid.

Industry, No. 25—Correct.
Rose Lodge, No. 28—Return 85 members good, whereas it should be only 42.
Chatham Lodge, No. 29—Perfectly correct.
Eureka Lodge, No. 30—Return 44 good ; should be 36.
Morpeth Lodge, No. 31—No report since 31st December, 1856.
Elgin Lodge, No. 32—Correct.
Erie Lodge, No. 33.—Return 56 good members, should be only 54.
Gore Lodge, No. 34—Return 79 good members, should be only 63; also percentage in Report 30th June, 1857, is only $29.13, should be $36.70—leaving a balance due by Gore Lodge, of $7.57.
Samaritan Lodge, No. 35—Return 54 good; should be 71.
St. Mary's Lodge, No. 36—Overpaid 70 cents.
Imperial Lodge, No. 37—Correct.
Forest City Lodge, No. 38—Correct.

Your Committee would further strongly recommend, that in future the Grand Secretary should, previous to the Grand Lodge meeting, examine the returns, and find what number of Delegates each Lodge is entitled to send, as by the returns as forwarded, some Lodges have entitled themselves to more delegates than the laws allow, and would further recommend that the reports of Lodges being incorrect, be returned to the various Lodges for correction.

All of which is respectfully submitted, in Friendship, Love and Truth.

(Signed) JAMES HENRY,
JAMES WESTLAND,
WM. HEDLEY.

On motion of Rep. Westland, seconded by Rep. Henry, the same was adopted.

The Committee to whom was referred the very sudden and truly melancholy death of P. G. Brother McClaren, referred to in the Grand Master's address submitted its report, as follows:

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Canada West :

Your Committee to whom was referred so much of the R. W. Grand Master's Annual Address, as relates to the melancholy death of P. G. McClaren, of Quebec, beg leave to report the following resolutions.

Whereas, it has pleased Divine Providence to remove by death P. G. Brother McClaren, of Canada East.

Be it therefore *Resolved*—That the Representatives of the various lodges within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada West, now in Grand Lodge assembled, while we must deeply deplore the great loss which has thus been sustained by the brotherhood generally, we would especially sympathize with the jurisdiction of Canada East, in which the Grand Master truly says, that lamented Brother "struggled manfully to keep alive the small remaining flame of Odd Fellowship flickering there," and we feel that our noble Order has lost in our departed brother a bright and illustrious example of unswerving love and attachment to its great and heaven-born principles, one who for a long series of years had toiled and labored without ceasing, under most adverse and dispiriting circumstances, that it should have "a local habitation and a name" in Canada East, who remained its constant and abiding friend to the last moment of his useful and exemplary life, and we entertain and would express the hope that his

remaining brethren in that jurisdiction, and indeed thoughout the world may emulate his private virtues, and be animated by the same love, fidelity and attachment for our noble Institution and its great principles, which characterized his whole connexion with it, convinced as we are, that such a noble course, faithfully followed, would place our Order in that position in the world, which every friend of man and true Odd Fellow should like to see, and strive to make it occupy.

Resolved—That in testimony of our profound respect and esteem for the memory of our lamented brother, and of our heartfelt sympathy for his bereaved widow and children, these resolutions be entered upon the journals of this Grand Lodge, and a copy thereof transmitted to his afflicted family.

GEO. D. BRADWAY,
HENRY MEARS,
W. A. GLOVER,
B. F. VANBROCKLIN,
C. YALE.

On motion of Rep. VanBrocklin, seconded by Rep. Bradway, the said report was adopted and ordered to be carried into effect.

At 6 o'clock p. m., the Grand Lodge adjourned until 7 o'clock, p. m.

SEVEN O'CLOCK P. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment—The M. W. Grand Master presiding.

The Grand Master laid before the Lodge Reports from D. D. Grand Masters VanBrocklin, Claris, Bissell, Henry and Mears, relating to the affairs of the Order, within their respective Districts, during the past year.

The Committee on the State of the Order made the following report, viz.:

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Canada West, I. O. O. F.

The Committee on the State of the Order beg leave to submit the following report:

Your Committee, in looking over the Report of our Worthy Grand Master, and the different District Deputies under him, find much that is encouraging to all well wishers of our beloved Order.

In comparing the report of the Worthy Grand Master for the year ending the 30th June 1857, with that of the previous year, we find that the Order is steadily increasing in numbers as well as financial ability.

At the close of the year ending June 30th, 1856, we numbered within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge 605 members in good standing, with a Widows' and Orphans' Fund of £1033, and a General Fund of £1223. At the close of the present year, we have the gratification of saying that we have 738 members in good standing, showing an increase of 133; with a Widows' and Orphans' Fund of £1330 18s. 6d., and a General Fund of £1592 6s. 10d. This, compared with the report of last year, cannot but be gratifying to every Odd Fellow, and is an earnest of what may be expected in the future, when the energies of the Order are fully developed, and we all engage as *one* man to spread the knowledge of its principles.

Your Committee deem it unnecessary to take up each Lodge in order to report on its standing and progress, and the usual matters contained in the Reports of the different District Deputies, as these have all been discussed in the very lucid and interesting report of the M. W. Grand Master.

In conclusion, your Committee would urge upon the different Representatives the necessity of renewed exertion in diffusing the principles of our order in the different localities to which they are about to return. They should remember that "eternal vigilence is the price of liberty," as well as the source of all success; that without exertion on their part, in connection with those of the brothers of the Order, Lodges will languish and finally become extinct. This state of things is to be deprecated; and can only be avoided by every Odd Fellow doing his duty.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. D. BRADWAY,
HENRY MEARS,
W. A. GLOVER,
B. F. VANBROCKLIN,
C. YALE.

On motion of Rep. Dixon, seconded by Rep. Taylor, the same was adopted.

The same Committee made a second report, as follows, viz.:

ODDFELLOWS HALL, LONDON,
August 5th, 1857.

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Canada West:

Your Committee to whom was referred the Grand Secretary's Report, beg leave to submit the following:

That this Grand Lodge do highly appreciate the able and efficient services of that Grand officer during the past year, and your Committee cannot let this opportunity pass without saying, that with the assistance of such Officers as your present Grand Secretary the prosperity of our order is certain, and it cannot fail of success, and that it is to be hoped that we may always have the advice of such Officers, and tendering him thanks for past services we feel that the interest of this Grand Lodge will be greatly enhanced by the re-election of that worthy Officer for another term.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. D. BRADWAY,
HENRY MEARS,
B. F. VANBROCKLIN,
C. YALE,
W. A. GLOVER.

On motion of Rep. Fitzsimmons, seconded by Rep. Dixon, the said report was adopted.

The Grand Master conferred the Past Officers degrees on all present duly accredited as entitled to receive the same.

On motion of Rep. VanBrocklin, seconded by Rep. Cameron, Rep. Parsons of the G. L. of Western New York being present, was required by the R. W. G. M. to assist in giving instruction in the secret work of the order, which assistance being kindly and fraternally extended and the secret work of the order being gone through and concluded,

The M. W. G. M. called upon the Representatives of the Grand Lodge to elect its Grand Officers for the current year. Whereupon the following nominations were made, that is to say:

Rep.	Dixon	nominated	the present M. W. G. M.	for	re-election.	
"	Bradway	"	Rep. Yale	for	Grand Master.	
"	"	"	" Morgan	for	Deputy Grand Master.	
"	Dixon	"	" VanBrocklin	for	"	"
"	Bradway	"	" Westland	"	Grand Secretary.	
"	Dixon	"	" Cameron	"	"	"

Rep.	VanBrocklin	nom'd	Rep.	Fitzsimmons	for	Grand	Treasurer
"	"	"	"	Bradway	"	Grand	Warden.
"	Bradway	"	"	Morrison	"	"	"
"	Morrison	"	"	Glover	"	"	"
"	Dixon	"	"	Taylor	"	"	"
P. G.	Caulfield	"	"	VanBrocklin	"	Grand	Rep.
P. Rep.	Laing	"	"	Yale	"	"	"
Rep.	Long	"	"	Bradway	"	"	"

The Grand Master having appointed the required number of Tellers, they proceeded with the ballot box to each Representative present for the election of Grand Officers from the nominations just made, and having received the various ballots upon those nominations as the law requires, they reported the final results as follows, viz :

M. W. Grand Master—P. G. M ; Thos. Reynolds, re-elected.
R. W. Deputy Grand Master—Rep. Geo. W. Morgan.
" Grand Warden—Rep. John Morrison.
" Grand Secretary—P. G. Secretary John Cameron, re-elected.
Grand Representative—Rep. Chauncey Yale.

There being only one nominee for the Office of R. W. Grand Treasurer, P. G. Treasurer Wm. Fitzsimmons was declared duly re-elected.

The next order of business being the installation of the Grand Officers elect,

The Deputy Grand Master, Bela F. VanBrocklin presided ; when the M. W. Grand Master elect, Thos. Reynolds, M. D., was presented and duly installed according to ancient form, into that high office.

The Deputy Grand Master having vacated the chair and the newly installed Grand Master having taken the same, he proceeded to instal the following subordinate Grand Officers, viz :

G. W. Morgan.....R. W. D. Grand Master.
John Morrison..... " " Warden.
John Cameron..... " " Secretary.
Wm. Fitzsimmons..... " " Treasurer.
Chauncey Yale..... " " Representative.

After which he announced the following appointments, filling up the remaining Grand Lodge Officers, and they were duly installed, viz :

P. G. the Rev. St. George Caulfield.....Grand Chaplain.
Rep. Hiram Bell..... " Conductor.
" W. Bissell..... " Guardian.

The M. W. Grand Master, with the concurrence and approval of the Grand Lodge, then appointed the following Representatives, District Deputy Grand Masters, to take charge of the various Subordinate Lodges within their respective jurisdictions for the current year, as follows, that is to say :

For Kent and Lambton.—P. G. James Henry.
For Middlesex and Perth.—P. G. W. Bissell.
For Elgin West.—P. G. Joseph Laing.
For Elgin East.—P. G. W. A. Glover.

For Brant and Haldimand.—P.G ; Jas. Woodyatt.
For Lincoln and Welland.—P.G ; Chauncey Yale.
For Northumberland, Durham, Peterboro and Victoria.—P. G; Anthony Dixon.
For Leeds and Grenville.—P.G ; Wm. Fitzsimmons.
For Oxford.—P.G ; John Morrison.
For Huron and Bruce.—P.G ; Edward Long.

On motion of Rep. Dixon, seconded by Rep. Taylor, that it be Resolved—That when this Grand Lodge adjourns, it do stand adjourned to meet at the Town of Cobourg, on the first Wednesday in August, A. D. 1858.

It was moved in amendment by Rep. Yale, seconded by Rep. VanBrocklin, That this Grand Lodge do hold its next session at the Town of Brantford.

It was then also moved in amendment by Rep. Westland, seconded by Rep. Bradway, That the next session of the Grand Lodge be held at the Town of Chatham.

The chair having submitted the last amendment, and the same being lost; he submitted the first amendment, and the same being carried, the original motion was also lost: So the next session of the Grand Lodge is to be held at the Town of Brantford, on the first Wednesday in August next.

It now being past midnight, the Grand Lodge adjourned, to meet again in the morning at 9 o'clock.

6TH AUGUST, 1857—9 O'CLOCK, A. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment.

The M. W. Grand Master, compelled by urgent, important and unavoidable duties imperatively requiring his presence elsewhere, having taken his departure,

The R. W. Deputy Grand Master took the Chair, all the other officers and members being present.

Lodge opened in usual form. The reading of the minutes of yesterday having been dispensed with,

It was moved by Rep. Bradway, seconded by Rep. ———, That this Grand Lodge purchase for the use of its members one dozen sets of P. G. regalias, at a price not exceeding $1.50 a set. The same being put, was lost.

Moved by Rep. Yale, seconded by Rep. Cameron, that this Grand Lodge pay its Representatives at the rate of five cents per mile, and one dollar per diem, for attendance, and that the same be placed to the credit of the respective Lodges represented at the present session, such mileage to be computed according to railway distances, and the number of days allowed to be three.

Moved in amendment by Rep. Westland, seconded by Rep. Bradway, That one-half of the Delegates' expenses, as passed yesterday, be

defined to be as follows, five cents per mile and three dollars for time.

The amendment, being put, was lost, and the original motion was carried.

On motion of Rep. Westland, seconded by Rep. Yale, this Grand Lodge recommends Gore Lodge No. 34 to refund the monies received by them for Initiation and Degrees from the Members of Imperial Lodge No. 37, the same having been done by other Lodges in like cirstances.

P. G. Laing gave notice, that at the next Session of the Grand Lodge, a motion will be made to the effect that power may be vested in each Subordinate to appoint a Physician, whose duty it shall be to examine all Candidates for initiation, as to their general health, without a satisfactory certificate from whom, in that respect, they shall not be admitted, although in other respects worthy.

Rep. Westland gave notice of alteration, at next Grand Meeting, that Clause I, Sec. 2, Art. 2 be altered and defined fully, such alteration to be made as may be then deemed necessary.

On motion of Rep. Cameron, seconded by Rep. Yale, it was unanimously *Resolved* that a vote of thanks be, and the same is hereby tendered to the Officers and Brethren of Eureka and Forest City Lodges, Nos. 30 and 38, for the use of their Lodge Room, and for the very great kindness and courtesy manifested by them to the Grand Lodge, during its present Session.

The business of this Session of the Grand Lodge having been brought to a close, it adjourned to meet again at the Town of Brantford on the first Wednesday in the month of August, A. D. 1858, in accordance with the resolution of yesterday.

Attest:

JNO. CAMERON,
Grand Secretary, G. L. C. W.

REPORT OF THOS. REYNOLDS, M.D., GRAND MASTER GRAND LODGE, C. W., FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30th, 1857.

NAME.	No.	Initiation.	Admitted by Card.	Rejections.	Withdrawn.	Suspended.	Expelled.	Reinstated.	Deceased.	Degrees conferred.	Members in good stand'g	Widows.	Am't paid sick benefits.	Funeral benefits.	W. & O. Fund.	General Fund.	Percentage to G.L.	WHERE SITUATED.	WHEN INSTITUTED.
													£ s. d	£ s. d	£ s. d	£ s. d	£ s. d		
Brock	9	5	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	18	62	1	14 15 0	.....	240 5 6	42 16 0	9 5 0	Brockville	5 Mar., 1846.
Ontario	12	9	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	33	46	..	4 15 0	.....	70 13 0	92 10 8	5 15 2	Cobourg.	" 1846.
Union	16	17	..	2	..	18	18	2	1	29	109	9	72 15 0	7 10 0	523 2 6	657 3 1	12 15 3	St. Cath.	17 " 1846.
Industry	25	4	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	22	28	..	2 5 0	.....	30 0 0	55 11 8	4 7 5	Grafton.	13 June, 1850.
Rose	28	7	2	4	2	..	..	1	..	25	85	..	.....	.....	32 4 8	48 12 11	6 10 0	Amhersb'g	Jany, 1854.
Chatham	29	10	1	2	..	2	..	2	..	50	35	..	10 0 0	.....	9 13 8	25 17 9	6 1 7	Chatham.	Jany, 1854.
Eureka	30	13	..	1	7	11	12	2	..	30	44	..	10 0 0	.....	210 9 5	111 15 7	10 4 5	London.	2 Feb., 1854.
Morpeth	31	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	20	..	.....	.....	7 10 0	22 10 0	0 5 0	Morpeth.	Feb., 1854.
Elgin	32	9	1	1	2	..	5	..	..	60	57	..	20 10 0	.....	61 11 6	181 15 3	7 15 3	St. Thos.	3 May, 1854.
Erie	33	12	1	4	1	..	4	..	..	35	56	..	32 10 0	.....	31 5 0	102 0 0	7 7 2	Pt Burwell	6 Oct., 1854.
Gore	34	31	1	1	6	12	..	..	..	103	79	..	7 10 0	3 15 0	77 0 0	180 11 4	17 4 10	Brantford.	27 Dec., 1854.
Samaritan	35	31	..	4	3	1	..	..	1	37	54	..	5 5 0	7 10 0	23 16 1	.....	13 5 0	Ingersoll.	30 Jan. 1856.
St. Mary's	36	25	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	80	26	..	.....	.....	0 12 6	50 0 0	6 5 0	St. Mary's	Nov. 6, 1856.
Imperial	37	9	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	15	..	.....	.....	7 6 5	12 18 3	1 8 8	Mt Vernon	Jan. 9, 1857.
Forest City	38	18	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	24	28	..	.....	.....	5 6 3	8 4 4	6 8 9	London.	Feb. 9, 1857.
		200	12	23	22	58	39	7	2	549	738	10	180 5 0	18 15 0	1330 13 6	1592 6 10	114 18 6		

REMARKS:—Brock—Maintains its good standing. Ontario.—Vigorous and well worked.—Union—Largest Lodge in the Province. Industry—Advancing slowly. Rose.—Greatly increased since last representation. Chatham.—Management very satisfactory. Eureka.—A good Lodge. Morpeth.—Deficient in last return. Elgin.—31 Rebecca Degrees Conferred. Erie.—Valuable ally in the cause. Gore.—One of the best Lodges in the Province. Samaritan.—A really good Lodge. St. Mary's.—Much commended by D. D. G. M. Imperial.—New Lodge but promising. Forest City.—Made a good commencement.

Fourth Annual Communication

HELD IN THE

TOWN OF BRANTFORD, AUGUST 4TH, 1858.

NINE O'CLOCK, A. M.

The Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master not having arrived the Grand Lodge stood adjourned until two o'clock p. m.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Representatives and Brethern met pursuant to adjournment, and the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master still absent.

On motion of Representative Bissell, seconded by Rep. Glover, that Rep. Yale, ex-D. G. Master of Union Lodge, be called upon to take the Grand Master's chair, *pro. tem.*, in the absence of the M. W. G. M., which was unanimously adopted.

The Grand Lodge being duly opened in the G. L. Degree, the calling of the Roll of Officers was omitted; and the Chairman appointed Rep's. Glover, Riggins and Dolson a Committee on Credentials.

On the motion of Rep Bissell, seconded by Rep. Fletcher, the G. L. closed in its degree, and was opened in the scarlet degree, to enable brethern of that degree to be present and witness its proceedings.

The credentials of the Grand Representatives in attendance from the various Lodges within the jurisdiction, were received and handed to the Committee on Credentials, consisting of Reps. Glover, Riggins and Dolson, who, after due examination, submitted the following report viz:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West:

Your Committee on Credentials submit the following list, as the result of their examination, the names contained in which they find have been duly elected and accredited to sit as Representatives in this Grand Body:

P. G. THOS. REYNOLDS,	*Brock*	*Lodge*	*No.*	9.
WM. FITZSIMMONS,				
ARTHUR McDONALD,	*Ontario*	"	"	12.
THOS. FLETCHER,	*Union*	"	"	16.
L. D. WINCHESTER,				
C. E. EWING,	*Industry*	"	"	25.
JAS. HENRY,	*Chatham*	"	"	29.
WM. SKINNER,	*Eureka*	"	"	30.
JAS. WESTLAND,				
A. J. ALLSWORTH,	*Elgin*	"	"	32.
W. A. GLOVER,	*Erie*	"	"	33.
H. C. BINGHAM,	*Gore*	"	"	34.
JAS. WOODYATT,				
JOHN BARR,	*Samaritan*	"	"	35.
G. R. McINTOSH,	*St. Marys*	"	"	36.
JOHN COLLINS,	*Imperial*	"	"	37.
THOS. PARTRIDGE,	*Forest City*	"	"	38.
WM. BISSELL,				

Your Committee on the above Credentials find them all correct, except that of Bro. John Collins, of Imperial Lodge, No. 37, who is present without any credentials; but we are satisfied by the statement made by our worthy Grand Secretary, that he has been duly elected, and is entitled to a seat in this Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,
S. G. DOLSON.
N. RIGGINS.
W. A. GLOVER.

On motion of Rep. Bissell, and seconded by Rep. Patridge, the report just read from the Committee on Credentials was adopted.

From Suspension Bridge to AUGUST 4*th*, 1858.

JOHN CAMERON,

Storm on Lake. Missed train. Leave here four fifty. Go on with business. You read my address.

THOMAS REYNOLDS.

The above telegraph just received from our M. W Grand Master, explained the cause of his delay, and according to his request the Grand Secretary proceeded to read his Annual Address and Report.

REPORT OF THE M. W. GRAND MASTER.

OFFICERS AND BRETHREN:—

We are once more assembled together for the interchange of friendly sentiments, for the consideration of objects of true benevolence and brotherly love: very appropriately we meet in this beautiful town, once the camp ground of the red man of the forest,—here, where the great chief of the Mohawks often called the Six Nations together to listen to the wise Councils which his keen and correct judgment so readily prompted, your Chief calls you once more to your Council fire; here your Grand Master asks you to smoke the pipe of peace and good will to all men; here he asks you to war only against vice in its myriad forms and furnishes you with the only weapons which our order recognizes as necessary for the contest; here he desires you to obey the mandates of our order, to succour your distressed brother, to watch over and protect his orphan, and wipe away his widow's tear.

The great Thayandenagea's name, too, is an appropriate watch-word to call us here: his name pointed to the strength which the union of a bundle of rods affords over the power exercised by a single one; his bow and arrows to that plighted faith between us as brothers which knit together the hearts of Jonathan and David.

Brant, too, was a sort of link between the civilized life of the old world and the savage life of the new, he was ever the faithful ally of the great mother of civilization, the great protector of the oppressed, the redresser of wrongs, the great enemy of tyranny in every form,—Good Old England—Brant brought from the Mother land to his forest home and to his tribe the germ of those exalted principles, and taught his brethren to respect a nation holding such noble sentiments; while the venerable founder of our order in America, Past Grand Sire Wildey, soon after brought from England, the knowledge of the great principles we proudly claim as our own.

Here we are assembled, a chosen band representing the land of the Rose, the Shamrock, the Thistle and the progeny of the Pilgrim Fathers, all now united upon the soil, and under the symbolic Banner of the Beaver and the Maple Leaf.—We hold the Olive Branch of peace in our hands, pointing to the links which bind us together, extending the right hand of fellowship to all mankind. May the great Anglo Saxon race never meet in a contest or a strife other than a friendly rivalry in the great and good influences of Friendship, Love, and Truth.

The red man of the forest has disappeared from his beautiful hunting grounds here situated; The Anglo Saxon has converted his wigwam into the handsome dwelling of more modern taste. The Oak, the Ash, and the Elm of the forest are hewn down, we have in their stead the Apple, the Peach and the Nectarine. But if we enjoy greater refinement, greater light, and greater privileges than the former possessors of the soil, we must not forget that we have the greater responsibility. —The great warrior to whom we have referred was possessed of great discernment, coolness, and at the same time, promptness of action. Your chief officer should be possessed of

> "The reason firm, the temperate will,
> Endurance, foresight, strength and skill."

I trust that he who is to fill this chair after the first part of the session, is over, will possess all these requisites, and that guided by the experience of the past he will direct you onward in the noble cause in which we have embarked, with all the ability and zeal that the importance of the office requires. Should my advice be of service to him at any time, I need scarcely add, that he has but to command it.—In speaking of the progress of the order in the past year, and in telling you that we have not made the advance of the previous year, I need scarcely tell you, for many of you are commercial men, that the monetary depression which has spread over the civilized world, has had its influence upon us, and several of our brethren who were desirous of establishing new Lodges have been unable to accomplish a wish so dear to their hearts. Our old friend Brother Dixon who has already done us good by the resuscitation of an excellent Lodge, and in a highly flourishing part of the Province has been unsuccessful in his truly commendable efforts on our behalf, but will shortly be able, I trust, to add another to our list. I had some time ago an application for a Lodge in Guelph, and the wishes of the applicants I have no doubt will be carried out by my successor, but the Lodges already in good working order have felt the monetary crisis, and the list of suspensions and expulsions, for non payment of dues, is larger than I could wish: at the same time I have always advocated the principle of keeping a Lodge's books clear, and preferring a small trusty band in good standing to a large Lodge burdened with defaulters. I am sorry to refer to certain expulsions under other circum-

stances, and although we have not to deplore the loss of any who sat with us at our last communication, from the hand of death, it is painful to know that we have to report the lapse from good standing in the order, of more than one of a flagrant violation of the laws of the land. In the exercise of that "charity which suffereth long and is kind," I willingly draw the veil over this painful part of my duty, and sincerely hope that the erring ones may exhibit true penitence, and in the end obtain forgiveness for crimes of by no means a light character. I have to express my full and entire satisfaction with the zealous dischage of their duties by the several D. D. Grand Masters. Most of the lodges have been visited by them, and the several Reports will be laid before you, and referred to their proper Committees. Our highly respected and ever faithful friend, D. D. Grand Master Yale, has furnished me with a very pleasing Report of the good feeling, as well as good working, of Union Lodge, and to his exertions I have no doubt we have mainly to attribute the state of the order in St. Catharines. On the 17th of February last the Rooms of Union Lodge were destroyed by fire; the whole of their property was consumed, and I regret to say they had not taken the precaution to insure. This severe loss, occurring in some Lodges, would have had the effect of completely paralyzing their energies, but it was not so with the good brethren at St. Catharines; our friend, Bro, Yale, wrote to me immediately, and I lost no time in collecting together a few articles and writing them a letter of condolence. Out of what appeared at the time a very great evil, good has already resulted, a long list of brethren who had been suspended for non-payment of dues has been placed in the column of "reinstated" in our Report. When the hour of need came they forgot not their old love, and verified the maxim that "where union exists there is strength." The good conduct of Union Lodge in the hour of adversity deserves our commendation and thanks.

I would commend to your notice, the reports of Brothers Bissell, Woodyatt, Dixon and Laing. You will see that they have not been drones in the hive, and that they have done much for the spread of the order in their jurisdictions. I have to thank the other Grand Officers for their cordial assistance at all times rendered me. From the Grand Secretary I have received all the good offices and advice I required. I have found him, during the two years he has so ably filled the important chair confided to him, to possess the uniform "suaviter in modo" which characterized him at his first entrance upon the duties of an arduous office, while he has never lacked the "fortiter in re" so indispensable to a faithful discharge of the requirements of his station in the order. I regret to say that the proceedings of our last Communication, in consequence of the illness of Brother Cameron. and other circumstances over which he had no control, were not printed immediately after the session; I have the pleasure of seeing them now placed before you for distribution, and in a very creditable form. Our worthy Representative to the Grand Lodge, United States, was at his post, I am happy to tell you, and took part in the deliberations of that august body. There were some highly important matters brought under discussion, and it is to be hoped that in the coming session the important question of mergement of the two branches of the order will be definitely settled. I shall not detain you with the details of the several questions referred to me since our last meeting for my opinion; the correspondence, as far as necessary, will be laid before you. I have been guided in every case by the laws of the G. L. U. S., and where any

difficulty or doubt has occurred to me, I have endeavored to take an equitable,common sense view of each case and decided accordingly. I am happy to observe from the Grand Treasurer's Report, that we have a respectable balance in his hands; I have striven to be as economical as possible in the expenditure, having in view two objects which I trust will meet with your approval and support: first, I consider it manifestly for the interest of the order that a duly qualified officer on behalf of the Grand Lodge should visit every Lodge in the jurisdiction, and should also visit several places where lodges formerly existed, and Towns where New Lodges are asked for, that we may the better determine what are the requirements of our community. This object I had partially arranged for, when an occurrence to which I have already alluded, deprived me of services in which this time last year, we had every confidence. The other object in husbanding our funds so closely, is simply that in these "hard times" our subordinate Lodges should not be burdened with the expenses of their Representation. Last year we paid half the expenses; this year there is no reason that we should not pay the whole. I must not forget to acknowledge the courtesy of the several Grand jurisdictions in sending us copies of their proceedings in the past year, and trust their favors will be duly reciprocated as far as possible by our Grand Lodge.

And now,brethren,I must bring these few remarks to a close. There are several subjects upon which perhaps it may be necessary to give you information, and cheerfully will I do so at any time during this session. For many an hour have I labored with you, and for the cause we all hold dear to our hearts, I have striven with pen and word to discharge the duties devolving upon me, and with what success you are the best judges. The little band of 280 with which we commenced the work of the order of 1854 has now swelled in number to 738. We have had much pleasant intercourse together, and I have seen more than one head grow hoary since we first met at Brockville. We are all hastening to that "bourne whence no traveller returns." The many emblems and symbols of our order with which you are familiar, point to this great fact. The Hour-Glass of Time is as steadily emptying its sands as we are approaching that period hidden in the womb of time when all distinction of society, all difference of blood, of class and of creed, shall be buried together in the dust; then as the good old poet Shirley expresses it, we shall find

> "The glories of our blood and state
> Are shadows, not substantial things;
> There is no armour against fate;
> Death lays his icy hand on Kings;
> Sceptre and crown
> Must tumble down,
> And in the dust be equal made
> With the poor crooked scythe and spade."

May the Grand Master of the universe so watch over your deliberations and guard all your actions in our brotherhood in this life, that when our poor frail bodies are consigned to their mother earth, our immortal spirits may find a joyous entrance into the mansions of "good men made perfect" in the Lodge above.

THOS. REYNOLDS,
Grand Master.

Brantford. C. W., 4th August, 1858.

On motion Rep. Ewing, seconded by Rep. McDonald, it was

Resolved—That the Address of the Grand Master, just read by the Grand Secretary, be referred to the Committee on the state of the Order; and that the Report of the Grand Master on the state of the Lodges, just read by the Grand Secretary, be referred to the Committee on Returns.

The following Past Grands having presented their certificates, are entitled to P. O. degrees and membership :—

P. G. Thos. McIntyre,	-	Union,	No. 16
" H. W. Winchester,	-	"	"
" James B. Ingamills,	-	Eureka,	30
" James Woodyatt,	-	Gore,	34
" H. C. Bingham,	-	"	"
" Alpin G. McLarin,	-	"	"
" Francis O. Dee,	-	"	"
" Wm. H. Morgan,	-	"	"
" John Barr,	-	Samaritan,	35

The following Committees were appointed :

On Credentials.—Reps. Glover, Collins and Ewing.

On Lodge Returns.—Reps. Allworth, MacDonald and Fletcher.

On Finance.—Reps. Henry, Westland and McIntosh.

On Laws of Subordinates.—Reps. MacDonald, Partridge and Woodyatt.

On Appeals.—Reps. Ewing, Partridge, Winchester, Woodyatt, Westland, Collins, Barr, Allsworth, Glover, McIntosh, MacDonald, and Henry.

On State of the Order.—Reps. Allsworth, Henry and Ewing.

On motion of Rep. Ewing, seconded by Rep. MacDonald, that all communications and papers appertaining to the business of the said Committees respectfully be referred to them, to enable them to report with as little delay as possible.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned until to-morrow morning, at eight o'clock.

THURSDAY MORNING, 8 O'CLOCK, A.M.

Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment.

Grand Master Reynolds in the Chair, he having arrived last night, accompanied by the Grand Treasurer.

Grand Lodge opened in the G. L. degree, when Reps. MacDonald, Collins, Ingamills, McIntosh, Partridge, Skinner, McIntyre, Bingham, Morgan, Woodyatt, Barr and Winchester, were instructed in said degree.

Moved by Grand Secretary Cameron, and seconded by Rep. Ewing, and

Resolved—That the reading of the Minutes of the last session be dispensed with, and that they be adopted as printed.—Carried.

The Grand Master appointed Reps. Winchester, Partridge and Bingham as a Committee on Mileage and per *Diem*.

Nomination and election of Officers being in order—

Moved by Rep. MacDonald, and seconded by Rep. Ewing, that our present G. M., Bro. Thomas Reynolds, be re-elected by acclamation. Upon which, Bro. Reynolds declined, stating that his professional engagements were such that he could not give it that time and attention that he should wish; that his heart was in the cause, and that he was ever ready to give assistance or advice whenever called upon.

It was then moved by Rep. MacDonald, and seconded by Rep. Ewing, and

Resolved—That Rep. Yale be Grand Master for the ensuing year.—Carried unanimously.

Moved by Rep. McIntosh, and seconded by Rep. Partridge, that Rep. McDonald be Deputy Grand Master for the ensuing year.—Carried unanimously.

Rep. Westland and P. G., Dolson having been each duly nominated and seconded to act as Grand Secretary, the ballot box was resorted to, when it was announced by the G. M. that P. G., Dolson was duly elected.

Rep. Westland was elected G. Warden without opposition.

Grand Treasurer Fitzsimmons was re-elected for the ensuing year without opposition.

Rep. Yale was re-elected Grand Representative for the ensuing year.

Installation of officers being in order, G. M., Thomas Reynolds proceeded to install into their respective chairs the following Grand Officers elect:—

Chauncey Yale,	M. W.	Grand	Master.
A. MacDonald,	R. W.	Deputy	Grand Master.
S. G. Dolson	"	Grand	Secretary.
Wm. Fitzsimmons	"	"	Treasurer.
Jas. Westland	"	"	Warden.
Chauncey Yale	"	"	Representative.

Grand Master Yale being duly installed, announced the following appointments:—

Rep. T. Fletcher	For	Grand	Marshall.
" James Henry	"	"	Guardian.
" Wm. Bissell	"	"	Conductor.

The Committee on Appeals submitted the following report:—

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West, I. O. O. F.

Your Committee having considered the appeal of Bela. F. VanBrocklin from the decision of Gore Lodge, No. 34, from which Lodge the said VanBrocklin was expelled on the 8th day of April last, 1858, for being guilty of conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow. The appeal is not upon the grounds of the charge for which he was expelled being unfounded, but that the Lodge had been guilty of informality in the steps which it took in order to warrant his expulsion.

The Committee find that the Brethren of Gore Lodge acted in good faith, and without any invidious intent or partiality in this case, and that their decision should be sustained. At the same time would recommend that should the late Brother VanBrocklin, within three months from this date, apply personally to Gore

Lodge for a new trial, upon the grounds of his being unable to clear himself from the charge for which he has been expelled, the said Lodge should grant it. Also, that a copy of this Report be furnished to the said B. H. VanBrocklin by the Grand Secretary, in replying to his communication.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. MACDONALD, *Chairman.*

C. E. EWING, Secretary.

The Committee on Appeals beg to make the following report in the case of John Morrison, who has been expelled from Samaritan Lodge, No. 35, Ingersoll, for conduct unworthy of an Odd Fellow, in having been guilty of an act of Forgery.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West, I. O. O. F.

The Committee find, on examination of the documents from that Lodge, that the proceedings of Samaritan Lodge were regular, unbiased and in order, and should be sustained and confirmed, and the complaint of the late Brother, John Morrison, be dismissed, which shall be duly communicated to him by the Grand Secretary.

In the case of the position of Rose Lodge, No. 28, at Amherstburg, it appears that the officers of that Lodge have not been installed for the quarter, owing to some difficulties existing between Brother Mears and the other members of the said Lodge. The Committee would recommend that the said Lodge be called upon to make a return for the period ending 30th June last, and to explain its actual position at the present moment; and report also as to the prospect of sustaining and continuing the Lodge. In the event of its being reported that Rose Lodge, No. 28, had been unable to work for want of the instalment of its officers, the Committee would recommend that D. D. G. M., James Henry, and D. D. G. M., Thos. Partridge do proceed to Amherstburg, and enquire into the circumstances connected with the case; and, if they see fit, proceed to install the officers elect, and place the Lodge in working order, and report their action to the Grand Lodge, at its next session.

Respectfully submitted,

A. MACDONALD, *Chairman.*

On motion of Rep. MacDonald, seconded by Rep. Henry, the Report of the Committee on Appeals was received and adopted.

Moved by Rep. Ewing, and seconded by Grand Secretary Cameron:

That whereas, by Article 7th, Section 2nd, clause 7th of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, it is provided that the Grand Lodge, or in its recess the Grand Master thereof, shall have power to issue dispensations, countersigned by the Grand Secretary, to any Lodge under its jurisdiction, to exempt it in any particular case from the operation of any of the various regulations other than financial, by which it is governed, or to enable it to proceed in any matter with other than the usual formalities, whenever the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master may deem it for the interest and welfare of the Order so to do.

And whereas, Industry Lodge, No. 25, working under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, is obliged by its Constitution and By-Laws as they now exist, to hold its meetings weekly, by which regulation many of the members of said Lodge are subjected to serious inconvenience in consequence of being resident at a distance of several miles from the place at which the sessions of said Lodge are held. And whereas, said Lodge are of the almost unanimous opinion that if they were not required to meet so often, it would tend vastly to improve their condition, not only by securing a more general attendance, but otherwise. Therefore,

Resolved,—That a dispensation be issued to Industry Lodge, No.25, empowering it to alter its Constitution and By-Laws, so that it may have the privilege of adjourning from time to time as it may deem expedient, so long as it does not at any time adjourn for a longer period than four weeks; and that similar dispensations be granted to all Lodges situated in country places that see fit to apply for the same.

On motion, the above Resolution was referred to Committee on State of Order.

The following communication from Brock Lodge, No. 9, was presented by Bro. Thomas Reynolds, P.G. M.

BROCK LODGE, No. 9, I. O. O. F.
Brockville, 22nd July, 1858.

To the Grand Master and Officers of the Grand Lodge of Canada West :

BRETHREN :—I am directed to furnish you with a copy of the following Resolution, adopted unanimously by Brock Lodge :—

Resolved—That the Grand Lodge of Canada West be invited to hold its next Annual Communication in the rooms of Brock Lodge, No. 9, at Brockville, at such time as the Grand Lodge may please to designate.

I have the honor to be, Yours, in F. L. & T.

R. SHIPMAN, *R. Secretary*

P. G. M., Thomas Reynolds stated that although he would be pleased to have the next session of the Grand Lodge held at Brockville, yet he would not urge the adoption of the Resolution just read, believing that the interests of the Order would be increased if held in some other locality. He would move that the next Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge be held at Cobourg. Seconded by D. G. M. MacDonald. —Carried unanimously.

Committee on Mileage and per *Diem* being ready to report, it was suggested by P. G. M., Reynolds that it lay on the table until after the Report of Committee on State of the Order.

Moved by Rep. W. A. Glover, seconded by Rep. H. W. Winchester.

Resolved—That Subordinate Lodges, in their official correspondence, in future be required to pre-pay postage on their communications.—Carried.

The following Resolution from Union Lodge, was presented by Rep. H. W. Winchester.

Moved by Bro. Yale, seconded by Bro. Dolson, that our Representatives to the G. L. are respectfully solicited to use all legal means in their power to cause to be repealed so much of clause 4, section 1st, Article 6, of the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges, as prohibits said Lodges from negotiating with their members who are in arrears for non-payment of dues ; and that a clause be inserted giving power to such Lodges to negotiate with their members, in accordance with the decisions of the R. W. G. L. of the U. S.

The above having been referred to Committee on State of the Order, was withdrawn from that Committee and referred to a Special Committee consisting of Reps. Winchester, Westland and Reynolds.

The following Statement of Receipts and Expenses was submitted by the Grand Treasurer and referred to the Committee on Finance.

GRAND LODGE OF C. W. IN ACC'T WITH G. TREAS. DR.

1857.				
Aug. 5.	To paid J. Cameron, G. Secretary, per acc't,	£1	16	0
"	" VanBrocklin's acc't,	5	5	0
"	" One-half expenses of Representatives, as follows :—Ontario Lodge as per account	2	5	0
"	" Brock,	4	15	0
"	" Industry,	2	10	0
"	" Chatham,	1	11	3
"	" Samaritan,	1	7	3
"	" Erie,	1	5	0
"	" Union,	4	4	0
"	" Imperial,	1	5	0
"	" Rose,	1	15	0
"	" Gore,	1	17	6
1858.				
July 22.	Paid Brantford *Expositor*, for Printing,	6	5	9
"	" D. D. G. M. Woodyatt's account,	2	5	0
"	" Draft for G. L. U. S., as per account	18	18	9
"	" J. McMullin, Printing and Stationery account,	3	10	9
"	" Grand Master's acc't, Postage, Telegraph' &c.,	8	0	6
"	Balance in Grand Treasurer's hands,	133	14	4
		£201	10	7

CONTRA ACC'T OF THE GRAND TREASURER, CR.

1857.—Aug. 15.	Cash on hand, per Report,	£120	1	8
1858.				
Jan'y 8.	Industry Lodge, percentage to G. L.	3	0	6
" 15.	Eureka " " "	4	1	2
" 16.	Chatham, " " "	1	10	6
" 18.	Samaritan, dues, £3 14 5 : book, 12s. 6d.	4	6	11
" 19.	Erie Lodge, percentage to G. L.	3	15	0
" 23.	Union, " " "	3	15	0
" 26.	Imperial " " "	1	10	0
Feb. 3.	Ontario, " " "	0	19	6
" 6.	Gore, " " "	5	11	6
" 20.	Forest City, " "	4	15	9
" 22.	Rose Lodge, £2 15—Brock, £4 15	7	10	0
Jan'y 9.	St. Mary's, £3 15 10—£2 15 8	6	11	6
"	Erie,	1	10	0
"	Elgin,	2	3	0
"	Gore,	2	14	9
"	Eureka,	5	8	9
"	Union,	6	6	10
"	Forest City,	3	15	9
"	Industry,	1	8	0
"	Chatham,	1	5	0
"	Samaritan,	1	10	0
"	Imperial,	2	0	0
"	Ontario,	1	4	6
"	Brock,	4	15	0
		£201	10	7

Rep. J. Westland from the Finance Committee presented the following report :

GRAND LODGE ROOM,
Brantford, 5th August, 1858.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West :—

Your Finance Committee beg to Report that they have examined the late Treasurer's accounts and vouchers, and find the foregoing statement correct; and would recommend that the said statement be printed in full in the proceedings of this Grand Lodge.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES WESTLAND,
G. R. McINTOSH,
JAMES HENRY. } *Finance Committee.*

Moved by Rep. Skinner, seconded by Rep. Glover, that the report of the Finance Committee be received and adopted. (Carried.)

Moved by Rep. Allsworth, seconded by D. G. M., MacDonald, that this Grand Lodge approve of the word "collected," and it may be added to the words "one-third of quarterly dues," occurring in section 5, clause 2, in the Elgin By-Laws. (Carried.)

The M. W. Grand Master, with the concurrence of the Grand Lodge divided the jurisdiction into the following districts, and the annexed list as D. D. Grand Masters for said Districts:—

Kent, Lambton and Essex.—Rep. James Henry, of Chatham.

Middlesex, Huron and Bruce.—Rep. Thos. Partridge, of London.

Elgin West.—P. G. George Claris, of St. Thomas.

Elgin East.—Rep. W. A. Glover, of Port Burwell.

Brant and Haldimand.—Rep. James Woodyatt, of Brantford.

Lincoln and Welland.—Rep. Thomas Fletcher, of St. Catharines.

Northumberland, Durham, Peterboro and Victoria.—Rep. Arthur MacDonald, of Cobourg.

Leeds and Grenville.—Rep. Thomas Reynolds, of Brockville.

Oxford.—Rep. John Barr, of Ingersoll.

Perth.—Rep. G. R. McIntosh, St. Mary's.

Rep. Thomas Reynolds from the Committee on that subject submitted the following report:

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Canada West:

The Committee to whom was referred the resolution of Union Lodge, recommending the repeal of clause 4, section 1, article 6, of the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges, beg to Report—That, in their opinion, it would be a dangerous practice to leave the finances of a Lodge in so precarious a condition as this resolution contemplates; while, at the same time, they feel that there are frequent cases in which this power might be exercised with advantage. They therefore recommend that such power be vested in the advisory Board of the Grand Lodge only, as will meet cases requiring this privilege.

THOMAS REYNOLDS, M. D.
JAMES WESTLAND.
H. W. WINCHESTER.

On motion of Rep. Ewing, seconded by Rep. Skinner, the above Report was received and adopted.

Rep. H. W. Winchester from the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem presented the following report;

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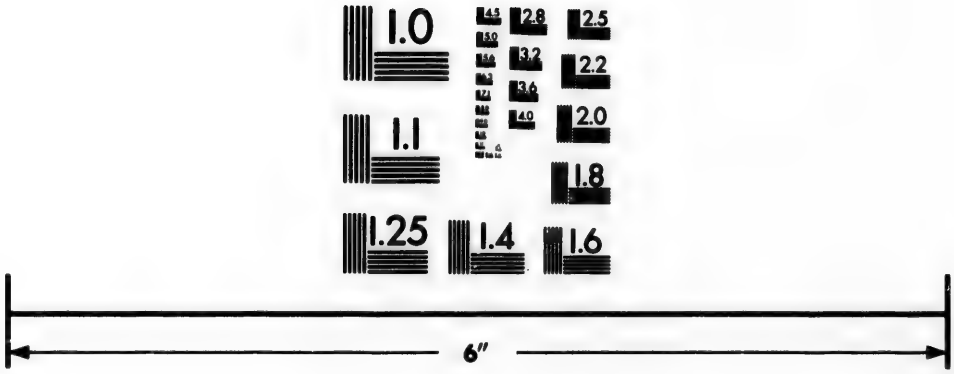

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To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Canada West:

We, your Committee, appointed to report on Mileage and *Per Diem*, beg leave to submit the following:—

LODGES.		NO. MILES.	NO. REP	AMOUNT MILEAGE.	AMOUNT PER DIEM.	TOTAL.
Brock,	No. 9.....	566	2	$56 60	$6 00	$62 60
Ontario,	12.....	290	1	14 50	3 00	17 50
Union,	16.....	138	4	27 60	12 00	39 60
Industry,	25.....	304	1	15 20	3 00	18 20
Rose, No representation.....						
Chatham,	29.....	238	1	11 90	3 00	14 90
Eureka,	30.....	110	2	11 00	6 00	17 00
Morpeth,	31 Defunct.....					
Erie	33.....	132	1	6 60	3 00	9 60
Elgin,	32.....	146	1	7 30	3 00	10 30
Gore,	34.....		3		9 00	9 00
Samaritan,	35.....	72	1	3 60	3 00	9 60
St. Mary's	36.....	98	1	4 90	3 00	7 90
Imperial,	37.....	18	1	90	3 00	3 90
Forest City,	38.....	110	2	11 00	6 00	17 00
		2 222	21	$171 10	$63 00	$237 10

Thirteen Lodges represented.

The above is computed at 5 cents per mile, and one dollar per day, allowing three days for each session.

Respectfully submitted.

H. W. WINCHESTER,
T. PARTRIDGE.
H. C. BINGHAM.

On motion of Rep. Bingham, seconded by Rep. Winchester, the foregoing report was adopted.

The resolution that was referred to Committee on State of the Order, relating to the changing of weekly meetings was reversed, and referred to Committee on Laws of Subordinates.

The alteration and better defining of article 2nd, section 2nd, clause 1st, of Grand Lodge Constitution was referred to a Special Committee, consisting of D. G. M., Macdonald, Reps. Westland and Glover.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned to meet again at half-past one o'clock, p. m.

HALF-PAST ONE O'CLOCK, P. M.

Grand Lodge met, and opened in the Grand Lodge Degree, when, on motion of Rep. Ewing, seconded by Rep. Woodyatt, that the Grand Lodge close in its Degree, and open in the Scarlet, so as to give members of that Degree privilege of witnessing our proceedings.

Committee on Returns Report; and, on motion, it was not received, but referred back to said Committee, with certain instructions.

Report of Special Committee, to whom was referred the alteration of Article 2nd, section 2nd, clause 1st of the Grand Lodge Constitution:—

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West:

Your Committee would recommend the following to be submitted instead of the said clause.

Every Lodge within this jurisdiction shall, at its first meeting in July, annually elect by ballot from its Past Grands in good standing, a Representative or Representatives as follows, that is to say where the number of members in good standing returned in the last preceding Semi-Annual Report be 50 or less, one Representative, if over 50 and less than 100, two Representatives, if over 100, three Representatives.

Respectfully submitted.

A. MACDONALD,
W. A. GLOVER,
J. WESTLAND.

Moved by Rep. McIntosh, seconded by Rep. Woodyatt, that the Report of Special Committee on alteration of Grand Lodge Constitution be received and adopted.

Committee on Laws of Subordinates beg to make the following Report:—

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West:

Upon considering the Resolution of Rep. C. E. Ewing, the Committee find that the adoption of that Resolution, and to grant a dispensation to any Lodge authorizing it to do away with the weekly meetings, would be contrary to the Constitution of the Order, and that similar applications have been frequently rejected by the Grand Lodge. The Committee do not deem it advisable to recommend the subject to the Grand Lodge for present action.

Respectfully submitted.

A. MACDONALD, *Chairman.*

Moved by Rep. McIntosh, and seconded by Rep. Skinner, that the Report of Committee on the Resolution offered by C. E. Ewing be adopted. (Carried.)

The Committee on the State of the Order submitted the following report:—

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Canada West:

That notwithstanding the unprecedented monetary crisis that has and still prevails, our Noble Order still looks in a prosperous state, and although, not progressing as fast as they would desire in members, they trust its members are increasing in true Odd Fellowship.

Your Committee consider it unnecessary in this Report to attempt for one moment to offer anything like a correction to the Annual Report our very worthy and much beloved P. G. M., Reynolds has laid before this Grand Lodge, but remark that there appears an omission in Elgin Lodge of Funeral Benefits of $30; also, in Chatham Lodge, $4.50 for Funeral Benefits is erroneously inserted; whereas, in Eureka Lodge there should be entered for Funeral Benefits $40, as well as $56 for Sick Benefits, which is omitted, but presume them to be typographic errors.

Your Committee with extreme sorrow perceive that one Lodge—Morpeth—has neither sent a Report or Representative to this Grand Lodge; and, by the report of D. D. G. M., Henry, it is evident has become past redemption, and trust this Lodge will take proper action in the matter.

This Report is unavoidably condensed, owing to the absence of any Report from the Grand Secretary. We cannot close this Report, however, without desiring the prayers of each and every Odd Fellow for the welfare and happiness of our worthy P. G. M. Reynolds, whose Annual Report has only to be read to be

duly appreciated by every member of our Order. The sterling integrity, gentlemanly conduct and thorough business habits, together with a suavity of manner, has rendered the name of our M. W. P. G. M. Reynolds, dear to every Odd Fellow, and caused it to be a household word in our noble institution. Your Committee would impress on all Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, the great necessity of guarding well the outer door of all the Lodge rooms, bearing in mind it is better to prevent than to have to effect a cure. Tendering their thanks to the several D. D. G. M's. for the very able Reports your Committee have with pleasure perused, they would venture to hope that our noble institution is now placed upon a permanent basis, and that it will, with its present staff of officers, continue to increase for the coming year more rapidly than it has hitherto done.

Respectfully submitted,

C. E. EWING,
A. J. ALLSWORTH,
JAMES HENRY.

Moved by Rep. Bingham, seconded by Rep. Winchester, that the Report of Committee on State of the Order be adopted. (Carried.)

Rep. Thos. Partridge from the Special Committee on that subjcet, made the following report :

To the M. W. Grand Master and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of C. W.

The Committee on Report of D. D. G. M., Henry, on Morpeth Lodge, No. 31 beg leave to say :—

That after examining the documents and receiving information respecting the Lodge aforesaid, find that the Lodge is quite unable to exist any longer, and that it has forfeited its Charter—not having a general or special meeting for more than six months.

Your Committee regret exceedingly to state that the Funds of the Lodge have been misappropriated by the late Treasurer, and he is now unable to repay the same, but has promised to do so if ever in his power.

Your Committee would suggest that under all the circumstances of the case, that no time should be lost; but that the D. D. G. M. of the district in which Morpeth Lodge is situated should be requested with as little delay as possible, to proceed to Morpeth, and demand of the N. G., or other officers of the Lodge, who may have the property in his hands, the Charter, Books, Furniture and Moneys which belong to the Lodge, and report to the Grand Lodge at its next meeting, or make any other arrangements that he may deem proper for the interest of the Order, in connexion with the aforesaid Lodge.

All of which we most respectfully submit.

THOS. PARTRIDGE,
G. T. CLARIS,
JAMES HENRY.

Moved by Rep. Ewing, seconded by Rep. Fletcher, that the report of Committee on Morpeth Lodge be received and adopted.

Moved by Rep. Henry, seconded by Rep, Woodyatt, That whereas Morpeth Lodge, No. 31, has become extinct, it is

Resolved,—That a Committee of three be appointed to enquire into the case, and to report the best steps that can be taken therein. (Carried.)

Committee appointed to make the necessary enquiries, respecting Morpeth Lodge, were Reps. Henry, Partridge and Claris.

COMMITTEE ROOM,
Brantford, 5th August, 1858.

To the M. W. Grand Master :—

Your Committee on Returns beg to report that they have examined the returns as produced, and the following is the result of their examination :—

LODGE.	NO.	DATE OF RETURN.	PER CENTAGE SHOULD BE.	PER CENTAGE RETURNED.
Brock	9	Dec. 31, 1857.	£2 3 2	£4 15 0
Brock	9	June 30, 1858.	2 1 8	4 15 0
Ontario	12	Dec. 31, 1857.	1 19 0	0 19 6
Ontario	12	June 30, 1858.	Correct.	.....
Union	16	.....	Correct.	.....
Industry	25	Dec. 31, 1857.	4 10 8	3 0 6
Industry	25	June 30, 1858.	2 0 6	1 7 0
Rose	28	Dec. 31, 1857.	Correct.	.....
Rose	28	June 30, 1858.	No Return.	.....
Chatham	29	.....	Correct.	.....
Eureka	30	Dec. 31, 1857.	2 16 8	4 1 2
Eureka	30	June 30, 1858.	Correct.	.....
Morpeth	31	.....	No Return.	.....
Elgin	32	Dec. 31, *	.....	.....
Elgin	32	June 30, 1858.	Correct.	.....
Erie	33	.....	Correct.	.....
Gore	34	.....	Correct.	.....
Samaritan	35	.....	Correct.	.....
St. Mary's	36	Dec. 31, 1857.	Correct.	.....
St. Mary's	36	June 30, 1858.	4 1 11	3 15 10
Imperial	37	Dec. 31, 1857.	2 3 8	1 8 2
Imperial	37	June 30, 1858.	3 5 8	2 0 1
Forest City	38	Dec. 31, 1857.	6 4 6	4 15 9
Forest City	38	June 30, 1858.	6 0 11	3 15 9

*Return not produced, but Grand Master Reynolds informed the Committee it was in the hands of the Grand Secretary who had omitted to send it in.

Your Committee presume that many of the above discrepancies arise from the different Secretaries not deducting the one-third from Dues' Account, previous to adding the per centage, and would recommend an uniform Blank for the Semi-Annual Returns, with the words inserted (after the word dues), less one-third: which would b a guide for each new Secretary. Your Committee also find considerable discrepancy in the number of members in good standing, but presume that it arises from the different views held by the Secretaries.

Your Committee would further suggest the propriety of the Grand Secretary, upon receiving the Returns, to check them over, and return those incorrect for correction, previous to the meeting of the Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. ALLSWORTH, *Chairman.*

Moved by Rep. Skinner, seconded by Rep. Winchester, that the report of Committee on Returns be received and adopted. (Carried.)

Moved by Rep. Henry, seconded by Rep. McIntosh, that as many of the returns of Subordinate Lodges proving incorrect, be returned by the Grand Secretary, with explanations as to their incorrectness. The same to be returned to the Grand Secretary, through the different D. D. G. M.'s, in their jurisdiction. (Carried.)

Moved by Rep. Macdonald, seconded by Rep. Allsworth, that in order to carry out the suggestion embodied in the report of the Committee on Returns, the form used by Ontario Lodge, No. 12, be adopted for general use, and that blanks be furnished each Subordinate Lodge accordingly. (Carried.)

Moved by Rep. Ewing, seconded by Rep. Bingham, and

Resolved,—That all Communications and Returns from Subordinate Lodges, or its members, intended for this Grand Lodge, or its officials, during its recess, be addressed to the D. D. G. M. having jurisdiction over said Lodge; and whenever said D. D. G. M. is of the opinion that said Committee or Report, is incor-

rect, or not in order, that he shall have the power of referring said document back to the source whence it emanated for correction. All said documents when thought correct and in order by said D. D. G. M., shall be forwarded by him to their proper destination. (Carried.)

Moved by Rep. Bingham, seconded by Rep. Woodyatt, that the term "members in good standing," as applying to Odd Fellows, shall not include members in arrears for dues. (Carried.)

Moved by Rep. Macdonald, seconded by Rep. Bingham, that as soon as the Grand Secretary shall have received all the Returns, duly corrected, shall open an account current with each Subordinate Lodge, so that the indebtedness may be ascertained at any time. These accounts to be kept in a book especially provided for that purpose, and all charges as well as accounts to be credited shall be entered regularly from time to time to the respective accounts, keeping every account constantly posted up for the information of the Grand Lodge or its officers. (Carried.)

Moved by P. G., Wm. H. Morgan, seconded by Rep. Ewing, and

Resolved,—That this Grand Lodge cannot allow its present session to close without expressing the many and lasting obligations the Order is under to the R. W. P. G. M., Reynolds, of Brockville, for his valuable and efficient services rendered to the Order generally through this Province to the present time. And further, it is the earnest prayer of this Grand Lodge, that Bro. Reynolds may be long spared to aid, by his advice, the Order generally; and that when he has run his course below, he may receive the glad and welcome salutation of "Well done, good and faithful servant," and obtain a seat in the Supreme Lodge above, where all is joy and peace.

And that the Grand Secretary be authorized to forward a copy of this Resolution to Bro. Reynolds. (Carried unanimously.)

Moved by Rep. Bingham, seconded by Rep. Ewing—

That this Grand Lodge will not hereafter pay the expenses, viz: mileage and per *diem*, of such Officers and Representatives of this Lodge as shall leave before the close of any annual session without the consent of this Grand Lodge, unless compelled by circumstances over which such Representative or Officer may have no control. (Carried.)

Account from Grand Secretary Cameron, and *Expositor* printing office read, and on motion referred to Finance Committee,

Moved by Rep. Ewing, seconded by Rep. Maconald, and

Resolved,—That the sum of three dollars be paid to Brother Jas. Woodyatt, of Gore Lodge, No. 34, for his services rendered to this Grand Lodge during its present session.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West:

Your Finance Committee would beg to further report that they have examined the following accounts, and find them correct; and recommend that the R. W. Grand Master be authorized to draw on the Grand Treasurer for the respective amounts.

P. G. Secretary, account for Sundries	$15 20
C. E. Stewart, for Binding	2 00
E. Laing, Rep. fee for 1857	5 80
Jas. Woodyatt, for services	3 00

Respectfully submitted,

J. WESTLAND,
G. R. McINTOSH,
JAMES HENRY,

Moved by Rep. Skinner, seconded by Rep. McIntosh, That the report of Finance Committee just read be received and adopted. (Carried.)

Moved by Rep. Bingham, seconded by Rep. Ewing:—

Resolved,—That for the interest of the Order it is required by this Grand Lodge that the Grand Secretary condense, and cause to be printed in proper form, a journal of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge at its present session at Brantford, and distribute the same among the Lodges under this jurisdiction as soon as possible. (Carried.)

On motion of Rep. Wm. Bissell, seconded by Rep. Thos. Partridge, it was

Resolved,—That a vote of unfeigned thanks be given to the officers and brethren of Gore Lodge, No. 34, for the courteous manner they have entertained the officers and brethren of the Grand Lodge of Canada West, and for the use of their Lodge Room. (Carried unanimously.)

Moved by Rep. Ewing, seconded by Rep. Barr, and

Resolved,—That this Grand Lodge do now adjourn, to meet again at the town of Cobourg, on the first Wednesday in the month of August, A. D., 1859.

SAMUEL G. DOLSON,
R. W. Grand Secretary.

REPORT OF THOS. REYNOLDS, M.D., GRAND MASTER GRAND LODGE, C. W., FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30th, 1857.

NAME.	No.	Initiation.	Admitted by Card.	Rejections.	Withdrawn.	Suspended.	Expelled.	Reinstated.	Widows.	Deceased.	Degrees conferred.	Members in good stand'g	Am't paid sick benefits.		Funeral benefits.		W. & O. Fund.		General Fund.		Percentage to G.L.		WHERE SITUATED.	WHEN INSTITUTED.
													$	cts	$	cts	$	cts	$	cts	$	cts		
Brock	9	5	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	14	68	3	0	0	0	1,198	00	0	00	35	00	Brockville	5 Mar., 1846.
Ontario	12	6	2	1	2	6	1	0	0	0	10	22	0	0	0	0	312	72	17	10	8	80	Cobourg.	" 1846.
Union	16	17	0	1	2	10	8	12	8	1	21	100	67	0	0	0	2,147	47	2,480	00	40	37	St. Cath.	17 " 1846.
Industry	25	8	0	0	1	8	0	0	0	0	30	27	12	7	0	0	178	94	202	96	17	47	Grafton.	13 June, 1850.
Rose	28	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	0	0	2	64	11	41	0	0	164	72	184	60	11	41	Amhersb'g	13 Jany 1854.
Chatham	29	6	0	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	4	39	4	89	4	50	83	23	34	45	10	99	Chatham.	Jany, 1854.
Eureka	30	24	1	1	3	8	6	4	0	0	46	54	83	00	0	0	480	64	660	00	37	98	London.	2 Feb., 1854.
Morpeth	31	..	..	..	..	..	..	0	..	..	....	20	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0	00	Morpeth.	Feb., 1854.
Erie	32	16	0	0	0	2	15	0	1	1	15	68	137	0	15	0	150	00	410	33	20	57	Pt Burwell	6 Oct., 1854.
Elgin	33	2	0	0	0	4	1	0	0	0	9	43	12	0	0	0	351	59	642	10	8	74	St. Thos.	6 May, 1854.
Gore	34	9	0	1	0	8	17	0	1	2	15	59	33	87	35	0	413	78	674	74	33	26	Brantford.	27 Dec., 1854.
Samaritan	35	8	0	4	1	3	4	0	0	0	60	42	45	00	0	0	46	06	0	00	50	24	Ingersoll.	26 Jan. 1856.
St. Mary's	36	16	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	44	44	4	0	0	0	0	00	75	00	24	30	St. Mary's	Nov. 6, 1856.
Imperial	37	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	35	0	0	0	0	40	39	100	00	13	65	Burford	Jan. 9, 1857.
Forest City	38	32	4	2	5	0	2	0	0	0	33	53	0	0	0	0	74	00	76	00	32	92	London.	Feb. 9, 1857.
		167	7	14	17	50	67	16	11	4	320	738	413	24	54	50	5,641	54	5,557	28	315	70		

REMARKS:—Brock—Steady in the work. Ontario—Increasing gradually. Union—Lodge Room burned but since rebuilt. Industry—Some drones in the hive. Rose—Last report not yet received. Chatham—A really good Lodge. Eureka—Working vigorously. Morpeth—No report. Erie—Satisfactorily managed. Elgin—A good Lodge. Gore—Tried and not found wanting. Samaritan—Persevering in the cause. St. Mary's—Steadily increasing. Imperial—A flourishing Lodge. Forest City—Young and active in the work.

Fifth Annual Communication

HELD IN THE

TOWN OF COBOURG AUGUST 3RD, 1859.

GRAND OFFICERS having assembled in the Rooms of Ontario Lodge, No. 12, the presiding N. G. presented the following Address :—

Most Worthy Grand Master, Officers and Brothers :

As the Noble Grand of Ontario Lodge No. 12, it becomes my most pleasing duty, on their behalf, to welcome you to this Lodge, and to the town of Cobourg, and also to request you to become our guest at a public dinner, to be given this evening at nine o'clock at the North American Hotel, in honor of the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Canada West, on this occasion. And in thus extending to you a brother's welcome, we beg you not to accept it as a mere matter of form, only for outward show, or for our gratification. But to accept it in the spirit with which we hope it may be accepted—the true spirit of Odd Fellowship —springing from the heart; from which flows the only true sentiments of our motto, "Friendship, Love and Truth." That *Friendship* which is at once the pleasure and duty of every true Odd Fellow. That Love which is true and holy, prompting every high and noble mind towards whatever appears good and beautiful, which seeks for its action other objects besides selfish purposes—that irresistible principle that conquers the bitterest fire, and subdues the deepest hate. That *Truth* which substitutes the substance and reality of things, forms and shaddows—which makes our actions and deeds to correspond to our sentiments and words—which leads us to "Faith, Hope and Charity." That *Faith* which prompts us to offer up the heart to the throne of the Great High Priest. That *Hope* which points to the bright future, amid our present darkness and obscurity; and that *Charity* which delights to measure out benevolence to the sick and afflicted; to cheer the widow and orphan; that swells the human soul with greatness, and seeks to restore our fallen race to peace and virtue.

Although your numbers are smaller than on some former occasions, when our country was in a more prosperous condition, yet I hope and trust that your deliberations on this occasion will be such as to prove you to be the embodiment of this Court of universal *Friendship*—this unalloyed *Love*—this everlasting, elevating *Truth*, in which *Faith* shall kindle the fire, *Hope* offer the sacrifice, and *Charity* hover over your actions—so that the "*Grand Master*" from on high, may look down in silent approval of your actions, and bless our noble cause.

Report. Erie—Satisfactorily managed. Elgin—A good Lodge. Gore—Tried and not found wanting. Samaritan—Persevering in the cause.
St. Mary's—Steadily increasing. Imperial—A flourishing Lodge. Forest City—Young and active in the work.

Grand Master Yale having returned thanks to the N. G. of Ontario Lodge, for the very friendly and fraternal feeling expressed in the address just presented, stated, in behalf of the Grand Lodge, that it would be with great pleasure that they would accept the friendly invitation to partake with them at the public dinner at the "North American," and he hoped that this meeting of the Grand Lodge among them, and this social gathering, might have a tendency to inspire every brother with a renewed energy; and that Ontario Lodge might realize the good result that may ensue from the meeting of the Grand Lodge among them, by its members coming around the standard of Friendship, Love and Truth, with a renewed energy; and by that means gain additional strength from those yet outside its portals.

Grand Master then called upon the Chaplain for prayer, after which he opened the Grand Lodge in the Scarlet Degree.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT:

C. YALE,.....*M. W. Grand Master.*
A. McDONALD,.....*R. W. Deputy Grand Master.*
S. G. DOLSON,.....*R. W. Grand Secretary.*
WM. FITZSIMMONS,.....*R. W. Grand Treasurer.*
THOS. FLETCHER,.....*W. Grand Marshall.*
DANIEL DRAKE,.....*W. Grand Guardian, pro tem.*
WM. BISSELL,.....*W. Grand Conductor.*

Grand Master then announced the following Brothers as a Committee on Credentials. Bros. Wm. Bissell, Thos. Fletcher and John Collins.

While the Committee on Credentials were preparing their report, the Grand Master submitted his Annual Address.

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS AND REPORT.

To the R. W Grand Lodge of Canada West:

BRETHREN:—Another year, with all its varied scenes, has passed away. Another "first Wednesday in August" has quickly come; and in accordance with law and usage we are again convened in Annual Communication, to review the labors of the past, and to legislate, if it be necessary, for the future permanence and welfare of our beloved Institution. For the kind care that has surrounded and sustained us, as members of a common brotherhood, during the year now drawing to a close, and for the favorable circumstances under which we are permitted to meet together this day, let our hearts rise in gratitude to the Great Disposer of all human events, and our lips become vocal with His praise. For, unless he approves and blesses our labors and our work, whatever significance it may have in human estimation, will speedily come to an end.

When your suffrages at the last communication imposed on me the duties of Grand Master in this jurisdiction, it was not without a distrust in my ability to bring to the position, time, talents, and discretion

adequate to the faithful discharge of the labors that might reasonably be expected at my hands, that I undertook the duties of the office. A year's experience has satisfied me that no person should aspire to the honors of this chair who is not willing cheerfully to make many and great sacrifices, for the welfare of the sacred institution which, for a time, is committed to his keeping. If I have failed in doing what my brethren anticipated when they elevated me to this honorable position, if any errors have been committed or duties neglected, it is not from lack of devotion to the cardinal principles of our Order. I promised myself the pleasure, in the earlier part of my administration, to visit the several Lodges in this jurisdiction ; but circumstances, over which I had no control, have prevented me from carrying out my determination, except in the following instances, viz :—Forest City Lodge, No. 38 ; Eureka Lodge, No. 30, and Elgin Lodge 32 ; and being present at the dedication of the new Hall of St. Mary's Lodge, No. 36. Too much praise cannot be awarded to the members of that Lodge, for their determined zeal in Odd Fellowship. Although one of the youngest Lodges, they are the only Lodge that can call their Hall their own. I am informed it yields them a revenue of one hundred and fifty dollars per annum. On the 15th of February last, in company with P. G., Timothy Parsons, of Buffalo, D. D. G. M., Partridge, P. G., W. Bissell, and some twenty-five Bros. of Eureka Lodge, No. 30; and Forest City Lodge, No. 38, of London, I visited the brethren at St. Mary's and dedicated their Hall to the principles of Friendship, Love and Truth. For the valuable assistance rendered by the above named Bros. I am greatly indebted. We had a pleasant interview. The future prospects of this Lodge are flattering. Continued exertion in the right direction will insure them lasting success. Much praise is due to Deputy McIntosh, for his untiring assiduity and zeal in promoting the interests of this Lodge, and the cause generally.

Forest City Lodge, No. 38, still maintains her high rank in the Order ; and under the supervision of such men as Bro. Bissell, and Deputy Partridge, must continue to prosper. Their standard of membership is high, and brings to the Lodge Room the wisdom of age, the experience of active business, and the influence of easy circumstances. The younger members are good workers, and continue to steadily increase in point of members, finances and character, which is praise enough for any Lodge: I enjoyed a pleasant visit with them on the 14th of February last. Two candidates were initiated. The correct manner in which it was performed shows that the officers are familiar with the work.

Elgin Lodge, No. 32, at St. Thomas, has had some difficulties to encounter. The last report shows that three worthy brothers have withdrawn their connection with the Order, which I fear may seriously affect them in their relations with the community around them. Our actions in the Lodge-room should ever be such as to bear the scrutiny of those with whom we associate. Deputy G. T. Claris is one of the number withdrawn. His resignation, with his explanations which induced him to take those steps, will be placed in your hands by the R. W. Grand Secretary for your consideration. In February last, I met with the Lodge, and endeavored to aid them in settling the difficulty, but I am pained to report that it has proved ineffectual.

Gore Lodge, No. 34, at Brantford, still maintains its good name in the Order, and no Lodge is more perfect in the performance of its work. They have suffered much from the late financial depression, and have

deemed it their duty, though a painful one, to suspend and expel a large number of members for non-payment of dues. Deputy Woodyatt says "that he cannot look forward with any great degree of confidence to the numbers being much increased; still, while so many of the good and true remain, he will by no means despond."

Imperial Lodge, No. 37, located at Burford, has suffered from the decrease of members, who have failed to place in the hands of the Secretary their dues. Thirty-five members were returned one year ago in good standing; the last report shows but twenty-one. Their funds show an increase over last fiscal year, giving evidence that economy is not the least of their virtues. Deputy Woodyatt informs me the work is correctly performed, in spirit, healthy and vigorous.

Samaritan Lodge, No. 35, situated at Ingersoll, gives flattering omens of an onward progress, determined that financial depression shall not retard them from a strict adherence to the principles inculcated by Odd Fellowship. The work is well and faithfully performed. The increase in their funds over last year is $175.23. Deputy Barr writes that many who are in arrears express a wish to pay their dues and return to their first love. Their future prospects look bright and cheering.

Brock Lodge, No. 9, at Brockville—the oldest in this jurisdiction—is still prosperous and united, and will continue in the right path so long as they have the counsel, zeal and judgment of P. G. M. Thomas Reynolds and G. T. Fitzsimmons to direct and encourage.

In June last, I received a communication from Grand Treasurer Fitzsimmons, conveying the intelligence that P. G. M., Thomas Reynolds had been suffering from illness for the past nine months, and fears were entertained at one time that his disease would prove fatal. I feel a pleasure to be able to inform you that he has recovered; and I trust that he may be long spared to cheer by his presence, advise by his counsel, and encourage by his example. Their report gives evidence that two of its members have passed to that bourne from whence no traveller returns.

Erie Lodge, No. 33, gives evidence that the right spirit exists with her members, and that they feel to rejoice in the prospect of an abundant harvest, and return of those who have been obliged to yield to the financial pressure which has borne so heavily in all parts of the Province. I regret to add that two of their members have been removed by death.

Eureka Lodge, No. 30, I am pleased to remark, is progressing in point of initiations and usefulness, showing a zeal for the Order, worthy of example. Last February I had the pleasure of an interview with them, at which time two candidates were initiated, and can truly affirm the work was performed satisfactorily, In January last I received a letter signed by seven of the brothers of this Lodge, requesting permission to proceed to Detroit to receive the Patriarchal Degrees at an Encampment working at that place. I felt much pleasure in granting their request, in the hope that at no distant day they would be encouraged to open a subordinate Encampment in London.

Chatham Lodge, No. 29, I have reason to believe has the right spirit among its members, and that their motto is "Onward." On the 11th of February last I received an application, through Deputy Henry, for the privilege of appearing in regalia on the 22nd inst., in honor of the anniversary of the institution of their Lodge. I readily acceded to

the request, in the hope that it would prove beneficial to their interests, and an inducement to others to become members of our fraternity.

Union Lodge, No. 16, continues to increase in numbers and devotion to the cause. I can give no greater encouragement than the remark used by P. G. M. Reynolds, "that in union there is strength." The members endeavor to excel each other in carrying out the principles inculcated by the laws of the Order.

On the 25th August last, Union Lodge having completed their new Hall, and applied for permission to have a public dedication, I readily granted the request; and, assisted by P. G. T. Parsons and the brethren, I officiated as G. Master at the dedicatory ceremony. At its conclusion, the Rev. Bro. J. E. Ryerson delivered an address to the audience, which I may truly assert has been of great benefit to them. For full particulars of the working of the Lodge, I refer you to the Report of Deputy Fletcher.

Ontario Lodge, No. 12, at Cobourg, though few in number, yet with a good fund at their disposal, energetic action, a determined zeal, with the fostering care of our worthy D. Grand Master A. McDonald, must continue to extend its usefulness and prosperity. I hope much for them in the meeting of this Grand Lodge in their midst, and trust that every encouragement in the power of Representatives will be cheerfully extended that may lessen their burdens and strengthen their hearts to renewed energy in the good work.

I regret to report that Industry Lodge, No. 25, has been compelled to surrender their charter. The N. G. intimates to the D. G. Master that he will at his earliest convenience place the charter and effects of the Lodge at his disposal.

In accordance with a resolution of this Grand Lodge, at its last session, instructing me to appoint a deputation to visit Rose Lodge, No. 28, located at Amherstburg, and Morpeth Lodge, No. 27, held at Morpeth, with a view to their resuscitation, I named Reps. Henry and Partridge, with P. G., Claris, to perform that duty. I have not their Report to place in your hands. I received from a member of each Lodge a letter requesting a Card of Clearance from the Grand Secretary. I informed them that if the charter, books and property were placed at the disposal of this Grand Lodge, I should have great pleasure in complying with the wish of the petitioners.

The following question was submitted to me for my decision:—

"Can the Officers of a Subordinate Lodge use the Seal of the Lodge without the knowledge of the Lodge of which they are members?"

The R. W. G. Lodge of the U. S., have decided that the officers of a Subordinate Lodge cannot legally use the Lodge Seal without having first received authority, by motion, regularly made and entered upon the minute-book.

Permission has been requested by a number of the Lodges to appear in public in the regalia of the Order, to celebrate the day of their institution as Independent Odd-Fellows. I have in no instance refused their petition. I take this opportunity to suggest that hereafter the 26th day of April, be set apart by this jurisdiction as a day commemorative of the institution of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellowship on this continent. I was present as the Representative of Canada West, at the festival held under the auspices of the R. W. G. Lodge of the United States in the City of New York, in honor of the day which gave birth to our beloved Fraternity. Thirteen jurisdictions were re-

presented. The South sent her hundreds, the North her thousands, while the West added to the number her stalwart sons, to join in paying tribute to the day, and honor to Past Grand Sire Thomas Wildey, the Father our our beloved institution.

Two subjects, in my opinion, call for new legislation. First, an amendment of the Constitution in relation to the number constituting the Committee of Appeals, as the law requires that it shall consist of one Representative from each of the Subordinate Lodges in this jurisdiction. Few Lodges sending but one Representative, in cases of appeal, their attention would be taken up with the subject, leaving this Grand Lodge without a quorum, to transact the business of the session. Second, the representative system adopted last year, bears heavy on the funds of this and the Subordinate Lodges I would respectfully suggest that but one Representative be sent from each Lodge. with the power to cast the number of votes as they are at present entitled under the Constitution; and that this Grand Lodge pay the mileage and per diem of such Representatives.

I would do you as well as myself injustice, did I omit to acknowledge the many kind offices received from the R. W. Grand Secretary during the past year—the promptness and energy he has displayed in the performance of the duties of his office commend him to your consideration. The Reports of the D. D. Grand Masters will be laid by him before you, together with the proceedings of a number of the Grand Jurisdictions, in return for copies sent of the Journals of this Grand Body for 1858. I trust that these courtesies may not be neglected by the future officers of this Jurisdiction.

In conclusion, I beg to tender my hearty acknowledgments for the many kindnesses shown me by the D. D. Grand Masters and members of our fraternity in our intercourse during the past year; and be assured I shall ever bear in remembrance your confidence and forbearance, and the many social interviews I have enjoyed with many of the brothers, And may we all meet in that Grand Lodge above, whose sittings will never cease.

C. YALE,
Grand Master.

Cobourg, 3rd August, 1859.

On motion, the Grand Master's Address and Report was referred to Committee on State of the Order.

The Committee on credentials submitted the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West:

Your Committee on Credentials submit the following Report, as the result of their examination, the names contained in which they find have been duly elected and accredited to sit as Representatives in this Grand Body:

P. G.,	WM. FITZSIMMONS,	*Brock*	*Lodge,*	*No.* 9.
"	ALONZO C. DANA,			
"	G. M. GOODEVE,	*Ontario*	"	" 12.
"	H. W. WINCHESTER,	*Union*	"	" 16.
"	HUGH MURRAY,			
"	THOS. FLETCHER,			
"	CALVIN STEPHENS,	*Chatham*	"	" 29.
"	RICHARD WIGMORE,	*Eureka*	"	" 30.
"	DANIEL DRAKE,	*Elgin*	"	" 32.
"	W. A. GLOVER	*Erie*	"	" 33.
"	GEORGE VAREY,	*Gore*	"	" 34.
"	ABEL BRISTOL,	*Samaritan*	"	" 35.

P. G., DAVID ROBERTSON,.....	*St. Mary's Lodge No.* 36.
" JOHN COLLINS,.....	*Imperial* " " 37.
" THOS. PARTRIDGE,.....	*Forest City Lodge, No.*38
" WILLIAM BISSELL,.....	

On motion, the above Report on Credentials was adopted.

The Grand Master announced the following Standing Committees :—

On Lodge Returns.—Bros. Partridge, Dana, and Goodeve.

On Finance.—Bros. Varey, Glover, and Murray.

On Laws of Subordinates.—Bros. Glover, Winchester and Bristol.

On State of the Order.—Bros. Partridge, Varey, and MacDonald.

On Appeals.—Bros. Bissell, Varey, Murray, Bristol, Robertson, Collins, Goodeve, Drake, Wigmore, Dana, and Glover.

On Mileage and per Diem.—Bros. Fitzsimmons, Bissell, and Bristol.

On motion of Rep. Partridge, the reading of Minutes of last session was dispensed with, and adopted as printed.

S. G. Dolson, R. W. Grand Secretary, presented the following Report, viz :—

REPORT OF THE R. W. GRAND SECRETARY.

ST. CATHARINES, July, 25th, 1859.

To the R. W. G. Lodge of Canada West, I. O. of O. F.

BRETHREN,—According to the custom and usages of the Order, I herewith present for your examination a report of the work, condition and operation of the Order in this jurisdiction, for the year ending 30th June, 1859. As it appears from the Reports received from the various Lodges, I have attached to this Report a statistical table, showing the condition of each Lodge separately ; and I will not take up the time of this Grand Lodge by reading it, but will proceed to give a summary of the same.

Initiations.....	106	Widows.....	11
Admissions by Card.....	3	Paid for Sick Benefits.....	$533
Withdrawn.....	23	Support of Widows.....	$424
Expelled.....	108	Members in Good Standing.....	556
Deceased.....	6	Degrees Conferred.....	325
Rejected.....	13	Paid for Funeral Benefits.....	$63
Suspended.....	56	Widows' and Orphans' Fund.....$	0130
Reinstated.....	4	Past Grands.....	98

BRETHREN,—Although the foregoing Report shows a reduction in amount of members, yet the future in most quarters looks bright and hopeful. They tell us that the financial crisis has been the princpal cause of the falling off. It is true that our country has passed through a remarkable period of its history ; dark clouds have passed over us, almost blocking the wheels of commerce. Men whose wealth was told in millions saw it take to themselves wings and fly away, and he who yesterday considered himself a child of fortune finds to-day that it was all an illusion, and with thousands he is forced to lean on the cold charity of an unfriendly world. There is, however, one pleasing feature connected with our Reports, which you will observe is that there has not been one Brother expelled for conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow, or for contempt, during the past year : and we trust that

the pure principles which constitute the rock upon which our Order is based will take such deep root in the hearts of those now belonging to the brotherhood that it will be tenfold more valuable to each individual member ; and that in future, additions will be made from a class of men who will not leave the Order when they find it is not devoted to further their selfish ends. It is a fact that the intelligent and good everywhere continue firmly attached to Odd-Fellowship. They admire and love its principles, they cherish it for its social and moral advantages and benevolent tendencies ; and with such men having such principles to sustain them, talk not of the declension of the Order, but rather look forward to a glorious time when the present deluge of curiosity, novelty and cupidity have passed away, the Order will stand forth in its native purity. Men die, but principles survive, and that brother who has most consecrated his energies to the purposes of Friendship, Love and Truth, when the closing hours of existence come upon him, he will have the satisfaction of knowing that not one deed of charity he has done, not one tear he has dried up, not one tender word he has spoken to soothe the dying pillow, will be forgotten by our Great Grand Master, who rules and reigns in the celestial Lodge above. Brethern in every locality should always bear in mind that it is not the numbers of our members alone which adds respectability and character to our Order. They should therefore, guard well the outer door, and see that none enter but tried men and true.

At the commencement of my term in office, as soon as it was practicable, I had the proceedings of last session printed, and sent them by mail to the different D. D. G. M's. for distribution among the members of each jurisdiction. I have also sent one copy to the Grand Secretary of every State in the Union, besides giving them to several influential members in my own locality. I also sent a copy to Mitchel & Adams, 24 Congress Street, Boston, according to a request made by them to the effect that they were about publishing a list of Lodges, together with other information useful to members of the Order. Having made so liberal a distribution of the proceedings, I have a very small number to lay before you on the present occasion, however, I trust you are all furnished with copies.

According to Report of D. G. M., Arthur MacDonald, Industry Lodge, No. 25, has concluded to close. I have not received any Report for the term ending 30th June ; but I received the Report of term ending 31st December. 1858, showing 17 members in good standing, with funds in the Treasury amounting to $206 ; and a widow's and orphan's fund amounting to $137 ; and yet the N. G. writes to D. G. M., MacDonald that he will, the next time he comes into the place, bring the charter books, &c., &c., of the Lodge, but no funds. It is but fair to the Grand Lodge that he should give a statement of what became of those funds. It is to be hoped that Lodges will not allow themselves to disband too easily, and as long as there are five members left they ought to protect those funds, or deliver them up to the Grand Lodge. No matter how honest and conscientious the parties may be that are connected with this affair of Industry Lodge, yet the example that it sets for others to follow is most to be feared.

The disbanding of Lodges, defalcations in Treasurers, and embezzlements that have taken place in different sections show that there have been unprincipled men in our Order. Men who, regardless of every sense of honor, of the obligation of a most solemn vow, stole into our Lodges, intent upon nothing but the pecuniary advantage that gleamed

in the future, and if Providence blessed them with health, that they could not obtain the funds under the false pretence of sickness, would conspire with kindred spirits, and, regardless of bringing ruin upon the Lodge, and mocking the hopes of the widows and orphans, would rob it. What body however select could prosper while contaminated by such associates. The almighty dollar is the deity they worship, and its acquisition, by any means, is the only religion they practice. This, Brethren, may appear strong language to use towards those we are bound to by most solemn obligations, but men so devoid of the principles of honor, the sooner the connection is severed the better it will be for our Order and ourselves.

I have much pleasure in stating to the Grand Lodge that the reports for this last term were all received in good time, thereby showing that the D. D. G. M.'s in the several jurisdictions were prompt in the performance of their duties, a neglect of which, I am sorry to say, prevails to a great extent in some jurisdictions. I am inclined to think that a blank form of report for D. D. G. M.'s would be of great convenience. Blanks could be made to contain all particulars necessary to be contained in such reports, and would be the means to induce a more strict attention to the duties required of such officers.

I would also state that the form of Blank Semi-Annual Reports which are now in use, (a number of which are in my possession, having been obliged to get a new lot printed,) are very plain. I notice in all the last Reports the per centage is accurately made up. I trust in future there will not be so many errors in making up per centage, &c. I did find one error in the last Report of Brock Lodge, which was in not paying per centage on the amount received for initiations, degrees, &c., which I immediately pointed out to the Secretary, and have not yet received any correction.

There is one thing I respectfully call the attention of this Grand Lodge to, and that is the election of Grand Representative. Experience teaches us that is a mistaken policy in not re-electing to send to that Grand body; and more especially as the present Representative has received from us the highest gift, thereby proving that he is worthy of our continual confidence and esteem. A Representative is elected for two years, and it takes him fully that time to become acquainted with the routine of business and be of service to the jurisdiction. The great men of our Order become so from re-elections, thereby extending their sphere of usefulness, forming a large circle of acquaintances, eventuating in being clothed with the highest honors of the Order.

I should like to have been able to lay before you a full report relative to the manner in which the National Celebration passed off in this jurisdiction; I have received but two or three reports respecting the matter, and I hope that the present Representatives may be able to make up a report for each of their jurisdictions, so that it may be forwarded to the R. W. Grand Secretary for publication. I would state that Gore Lodge has furnished us with a fine report, a copy of which will be found on the table. I also submit for your examination a report showing the receipts of the past year.

GRAND SECRETARY'S RECEIPTS.

Amounts received for Term ending 31st Dec., 1858.

Received from	Forest City Lodge,	per corrected	Report	$17 00
"	Ontario	"	"	4 00
"	Industry	"	"	3 20
"	Imperial	"	"	5 14

Receipts from	Union Lodge	"	for Cards, $6—per centage	26 70
"	Elgin	"	for per centage	14 75
"	Erie	"	"	11 60
"	Chatham	"	"	5 27
"	Samaritan	"	"	7 00
"	Ontario	"	"	6 00
"	Forest City	"	" $27 23—Cards, 1	28 23
"	Eureka	"	"	12 63
"	Gore	"	"	16 76
"	Imperial	"	" $12 12—Cards, $1 80	13 92
"	St. Mary's	"	"	12 81
"	Industry	"		3 40

Amounts received for Term ending 30th June, 1859.

Ontario Lodge, per cent	$ 3 60	Erie Lodge, per cent	$ 8 12,
Elgin " "	7 00	Brock " "	14 00,
St. Mary's " "	9 00	Union " "	35 80,
Forest City " "	17 78	Eureka " "	18 10,
Chatham " "	9 50	Gore " "	18 38,
Imperial " "	3 55	Samaritan "	7 06,
Gore " for Cards	1 80	Samaritan for Cards	0 94,

Industry Lodge, no report.

Total $343 04

No per centage from Brock Lodge, on account of having overpaid in last Report.

The above account shows a difference of only $1.62 in the amount of per centage received for each term.

BRETHREN,—I cannot close the Report without returning you my sincere thanks for the confidence you reposed in me when you elected me to fill this responsible office, and as the year is now about to close let us one and all lift up our hearts in thanksgiving to the Author of all Good, for having permitted us to meet here on this occasion, enjoying so many marks of his peculiar favor, with a prospect of a plentiful harvest at our very doors, and peace within our borders. Cold indeed must be that heart that does not glow with gratitude for all these blessings; and may He still continue them towards us, and grant us wisdom to avoid the rocks and dangers that continually are besetting us in this world, and at last safely anchor us in a secure and peaceful harbor.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL G. DOLSON,

Grand Secretary.

STATISTICAL TABLE,

SHOWING THE CONDITION OF THE

Independent Order of Odd Fellows in Canada West, in the year 1859.

NAME.	No.	Initiations.	Admitted by Card.	Rejections.	Withdrawn.	Suspended.	Expelled.	Reinstated.	Widows.	Deceased.	Degrees Conferred.	Members in Good Standing.	Sick Benefits.	Amount Paid Funeral Benefit.	Widows' and Orphans' Fund.	Amount Paid For Support of Widows.	REPRESENTATIVES.
Brock	9	6	0	0	3	0	11	0	1	2	15	55	$36 00	$0	$1200	$ 40	A. C. Dana.
Ontario	12	4	0	0	1	16	0	1	0	0	12	16	9 00	0	128	0	G. M. Godoeve.
Union	16	22	0	3	0	0	15	2	8	0	56	144	172 00	0	2121	320	T. Fletcher. H. Murray. H. W. Winchester.
Chatham	29	3	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	12	20	4 00	0	138	0	Calvin Stephens.
Eureka	30	11	0	3	0	3	4	0	0	0	23	42	12 00	0	557	0	R. Wigmore.
Elgin	32	0	0	1	5	3	6	0	0	0	19	32	75 00	0	373	0	D. Drake.
Erie	33	11	1	1	2	16	24	0	1	3	16	63	6 00	48	300	20	W. Glover. D. Merrill.
Gore	34	9	1	0	3	10	32	0	1	0	29	41	88 50	15	488	44	G. Varey.
Samaritan	35	6	0	0	0	5	15	0	0	0	10	33	18 00	0	175	0	Abel Bristol.
St. Mary's	36	8	0	3		0	0	0	0	0	34	53	6 00	0	400	invested	D. A. Robertson.
Imperial	37	8	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	1	18	21	34 00	0	85	0	John Collins.
Forest City	38	11	0	1	1	3	1	0	0	0	80	57	73 00	0	165	0	T. Partridge. Wm. Bissell.
		106	3	13	23	56	108	4	11	6	325	556	533 50	63	6 130	424 98	Past Grands.

On motion, the Report of Grand Secretary was referred to Committee on state of the Order, and on Finance.

Grand Treasurer, Wm. Fitzsimmons, submitted the following statement :—

GRAND LODGE, CANADA WEST, I. O. O. F., IN ACCOUNT WITH THE GRAND TREASURER.

1858.		Dr.
Aug. 17.—To paid W. L. Copeland's account for Stationery		$ 5 31
" Post Office account		4 81
" H. F. Leavenworth's account for Printing Proceedings and Blank Reports		32 00
" Express charges on books from G. L. U. S.		1 50
" C. Yale, for Travelling Expenses and Postage		13 00
" H. F. Leavenworth, print. Circulars 40th Celebration		7 00
" Blank book		0 38
" Post Office account to 1st July, 1859		2 27
" Discount on Postage Stamps		0 38
" C Yale, for Freight and Duties on Visiting Cards		1 25
" Two Stamps on two letters		0 10
" Representative Tax G. L. U. States		75 00
" Account of G. L. U. S. for 100 Visiting Cards		20 00
" John Cameron's account, Postage, Stationery, &c		15 20
" Representatives' expenses to G. Lodge—Eureka		17 00
Samaritan		6 60
St. Mary's		13 17
Elgin		10 80
Chatham		14 90
Industry		18 20
Union		39 60
Brock		62 60
Ontario		17 50
Gore		12 00
Forest City		17 00
Imperial		8 90
Erie		9 60
1859.		
July.		
" Postage, &c., Grand Treasurer		0 35
" Balance in Grand Treasurer's hands		456 50
		$877 92

1858. CONTRA.		Cr.
Aug. 4.—Cash on hand, per Report 1858	£133 14 4	$534 88
1859.		
June.—Amount of per centage paid by Subordinate Lodges to the Grand Lodge, for the year ending 30th June, 1859. as per Grand Secretary		343 04
		$877 92
Balance in Treasurer's hands		$456 50

WM. FITZSIMMONS,
Grand Treasurer.

Brockville, July 30, 1859.

On motion, Grand Treasurer's Report was referred to Committee on Finance.

Rep. T. Partridge presented a Report, the result of a visit to Rose Lodge by a special appointment for that purpose.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West :

Your Committee appointed to examine into and adjust the disputes and difficulties which have arisen between the officers and members of Rose Lodge, No. twenty-eight, situate at Amherstburg, submit the following Report:—

That after visiting said Lodge, and requesting a special meeting to be ca"ed for the purpose of securing a full attendance of its members, and minutely investigating the complaints of all parties, find the difficulty arose in consequence of the Treasurer's having loaned the sum of $180 (being the amount due the Widow's and Orphan's Fund,) without the knowledge or consent of the Lodge, and refused to mention the name of the party to whom he had loaned said money, which, as soon as became known, caused a division of the members, and general dissatisfaction in the Lodge; and had it not been for the presence of your Committee at that particular time, would have proved most disastrous to the Lodge.

We now have much pleasure in reporting that the funds have been received, full and satisfactory explanations given, and the existing difficulties amicably arranged.

Your Committee would urge the passing of a By-law, if possible, at the next sittings of the Grand Lodge, strictly prohibiting subordinate Lodges loaning their funds, and thereby preventing a recurrence of the above.

Your Committee wish that they could here close their Report; and it is with feelings of deep regret that they bring before your notice the conduct of one of the members of Rose Lodge, not only towards your Committee, but especially towards the Grand Lodge, viz. :—Past Grand Henry Mears, who at one time occupied a prominent position in your Grand Body (and from whom better might have been expected), his conduct was not only insulting by trying to throw every obstacle in the way of your Committee, and keep up the dissension, but the language used by him while in the Lodge was very disgraceful as an Odd Fellow, and is deserving of a severe reprimand from your Grand Body.

All of which is Fraternally submitted,

T. PARTRIDGE,
JAMES HENRY.

Dated at Amherstburg, this 19th day of August, 1858.

The Report of Special Committee appointed to visit Rose Lodge was referred to Committee on State of the Order.

Bro. Jas. Westland, of Eureka Lodge, No. 30, made the following appeal :

LONDON, 26th July, 1859.

To the M. W. Grand Master and Brethren of the R. W. Grand Lodge of C. W., I. O. O. F.

I hereby appeal against the action of Eureka Lodge, No. 30, on the 12th July, as far as relates to the election of Representative, the reasons for so doing are set forth in the following statement.

On the 5th July, the day set apart by the laws of the Grand Lodge for the election of Representative, there was a full attendance of members, who knowing the law prepared to signify their choice. Two candidates were proposed, myself being one. Before leaving the room for the vote to be taken, *I placed in the hands of the Noble Grand, the roll of members*, with their arrears, this being the first occasion when it has been necessary to restrict members in arrears as to their vote. We then retired, in our absence the vote was taken, and on being called in, I was declared duly elected as Representative by the Noble Grand.

On the 12th July, at a small meeting of members, to our surprise the subject was brought up, and it was made known that the roll was not called on the 5th July. Though an error of the Noble Grand, that officer then declared the election null, and forthwith ordered a new election, when another was chosen by a very *small majority* of those present. Thus was committed an act discourteous to a majority of the Lodge, subversive of the best interests of the Order, and the Lodge in particular, unjust to myself and the majority I claim to represent, in as much as no notice was given of any such action, the members having no opportunity of signifying their preference.

On the 19th July, a wish was expressed by some members to reconsider the election on the foregoing grounds, but the Noble Grand decided that no consider-

ation could be had, as the Grand Master had written, (in answer to his enquiry to say that P. G., Wigmore was duly elected Representative, and we could not alter it. I cannot believe that our M. W. G. Master would have given his dicision in this manner, had he been made acquainted with all the particulars.

If the election held on the 5th July was illegal, the one held on the 12th was equally so, as one of the Tellers appointed was disqualified by our laws, by allowing his dues to overrun the time allowed, others also voted who were equally disqualified from the same cause, also the members present in the Lodge were not counted, although the votes were.

I make this appeal, that the wishes of the majority of the Lodge should be heard, and their feeling expressed in the Grand Lo lge, which, under the circumstances, are impossible to be presented in any other way than this. I rest assured that justice will be done, by a free, unbiassed enquiry made by Brothers unprejudiced and willing to decide as Odd Fellows.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JAMES WESTLAND, *P. G.*

The following papers relative to the appeal of Bro. Westland, were submitted by the Noble Grand and Secretary of Eureka Lodge.

LONDON, 27th July, 1859.

To the Most Worthy Grand Master, Officers and Members of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West, I. O. O. F.

As there is an appeal taken by P. G., Bro. Westland against the action of Eureka Lodge. in regard to the election of Representative to your Right Worthy Body, I deem it my duty in defense of the Lodge of which I am a member, to lay before you all the facts in connection with it, and I believe he has no right to appeal under all the circumstances, inasmuch as he acquiesced in the decision of the Chair. and again became a candidate at the second election.

The facts of the case are as follows: On the 5th July, it being the night of installation, the members of Eureka Lodge wished to elect their Representative to the Grand Lodge, and one of the Past Grands being from home, it was suggested by some to lay the election over till his return; but some objections were raised to laying it over, and accordingly the Lodge proceeded to elect their Representative. Two candidates were nominated, Bro. Westland being one. *It was before the nomination took place that the roll was placed in my hands*, and as I understood, to shew me the names of such members as are entitled to the password; and on the vote being taken, I did not think of calling said roll; and Bro. Westland having received the majority of votes, he was declared elected.

On the 12th inst., the election of Bro. Westland was objected to on the following grounds, viz:—That the roll was not called as prescribed in the By-Laws of the Lodge. On those grounds I considered the election was not legal, and declared null and void. Bro. Westland did not then object to my decision, but became a candidate again for the office, and on being informed of his defeat he gave notice of appeal, and I on the following day wrote to our M. W. Grand Master, giving him all the important facts of the case, and received an answer confirming my decision; and there were only four votes more polled on the 5th than there was on the 12th, and two of those were not entitled to vote on the 12th, they being in arrears for dues; and the Tellers appointed were good, at least they showed good on the roll.

There was no one voted who did not appear good on the roll, and I have never seen members in the Lodge counted at an election; and I can testify there was no one voted whose name was struck off the roll.

A. McPHAIL, *N. G.*,
Eureka Lodge.

LONDON, C. W., 28th July, 1859.

To the Right Worthy D. D. G. M. of the London District of the I. O. O. F.:—

SIR AND BROTHER,—I forward to you a copy taken from the minutes of Eureka Lodge, No. 30, I. O. O. F., relating to the action of the said Lodge in the election of a Representative to the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West, along with an appeal that has been taken from the action of the said Lodge.

LODGE ROOM, 5th July, 1859.

Bro. Peel proposed, Bro. J. Earls seconded, that P. G., Bro. Westland be our Delegate to the next meeting of the Grand Lodge. Bro. Ingamells proposed. Bro. J. W. Cryer seconded, that P. G., Bro. Skinner be our Delegate. On the vote being taken, Bro. Westland was declared duly elected to represent Eureka Lodge in the Grand Lodge.

LODGE ROOM, 12th July, 1859.

After a lengthy discussion with regard to the election of Delegate to the Grand Lodge, the N. G. declared the election of P. G., Bro. Westland on the 5th inst., illegal, and against the By-Laws of this Lodge. The name of each Bro. good on the books and entitled to vote not being called from the roll provided for that purpose.

The Lodge then prepared for a new election. Bro. Yealland proposed Bro. Wigmore, seconded by Bro. Skinner; Bro. Skinner proposed Bro. Ingamells, seconded by Bro. Wigmore; Bro. Anderson proposed Bro. Brock, seconded by Bro. Westland. The three candidates then retired, the vote being taken, and Bro. Skinner having received the fewest number of votes, his name was withdrawn. The vote was again taken, when Bro. Wigmore was declared duly elected.

I certify the above to be a true and correct copy of the minutes of Eureka Lodge, No. 30, I. O. O. F.

RICHARD ANDERSON,
Recording Secretary.

P. S.—I also certify that at the election on the 12th July, Tellers were appointed and the roll called by the N. G., as placed in his hands by the Per. Sec.

RICHARD ANDERSON,
Recording Secretary.

Grand Lodge closed in Scarlet Degree, and opened in the Grand Lodge Degree, when the following P. G.'s were duly instructed in the same :—

Bros. P. G., Hugh Murray, Richard Wigmore, Daniel Drake, Abel Bristol, David Robertson, Alonzo C. Dana, G. M. Goodeve, Calvin Stephens.

Grand Lodge adjourned to meet again at 6 o'clock.

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6 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment.

Grand Officers present and a quorum of Representatives.

Reps. Geo. Varey, of No. 34, from the Finance Committee submitted the following report, which was adopted :—

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West:

Your Finance Committee beg to report that they have examined the late Treasurer's accounts and vouchers, and find them correct, and would recommend that the said reports be printed in full in the proceedings of this Grand Lodge. Also, they have examined the following accounts, which were referred to them, and find them correct, and would recommend that the M. W. Grand Master be authorized to draw on the Treasurer for the respective amounts, viz :—

Grand Secretary, for disbursements	$ 1 50
James Woodyatt, for postage	2 00
Thomas Partridge, expenses visiting Rose Lodge	14 00
	$17 50

Respectfully submitted,

G. VAREY,
H. MURRAY,
W. A. GLOVER.

Rep. Wm. Bissell, of No. 38, from Committee on Appeals, submitted the following report, which was adopted:—

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West, I. O. O. F.

Your Committee on Appeals beg to report on the appeal of P. G., Jas. Westland, of Eureka Lodge, No. 30, that after having carefully investigated said appeal, they would recommend that the action of Eureka Lodge, taken on the 12th July, be sustained, the same being in conformity with the By-Laws of said Lodge, and the applicant not having entered any objection previous to the vote being taken.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. BISSELL, *Chairman.*

Rep. A. C. Dana, of No. 9, from Committee on Returns, submitted the following report, which was adopted:—

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West:

Your Committee on Returns beg leave to report that they have examined the same, and find them correct, with these slight alterations. The returns from Brock Lodge, as should be, show a balance to their credit for next term of $9.18. Industry Lodge has reported to 31st December, 1858, but no report for term ending 30th June, 1859; and St. Mary's Representative should be D. A. Robertson instead of G. R. McIntosh.

Respectfully submitted,

A. C. DANA,
T. PARTRIDGE,
G. M. GOODEVE.

C. Yale, P. G. M., Representative to the Grand Lodge of the United States presented the following report, viz:—

REPORT OF THE GRAND REPRESENTATIVE.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West:

The undersigned, your Representative in the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, respectfully reports—

That the twenty-third Annual Session of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States was held in Odd Fellows' Hall in the city of Baltimore, beginning on Monday, the 21st of September, 1857, at 9 o'clock, a. m., and ending on Saturday, September 26th, at half-past three o'clock, p. m.; and, that the twenty-fourth Annual Session of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States was held at the same place, on September 20th, 1858, at 9 o'clock, a. m., and adjourned to meet at the Odd-Fellows' Hall in the city of Baltimore, on the third Monday of September, 1859.

The M. W. Grand Sire, William Ellison, the Grand Officers and Representatives from twenty-two Grand Lodges and eleven Grand Encampments were present in 1857; and the M. W. Grand Sire, George W. Race, the Officers and Grand Representatives from twenty-four Grand Lodges and fourteen Grand Encampments were in attendance. During the session, Representatives were present from every jurisdiction under the Grand Lodge of the United States; and all the Representatives were entitled to seats except three, viz: one each from Pennsylvania, Michigan and Delaware, in 1857; and in the latter session, Representatives were in attendance from every jurisdiction except from the Grand Encampments of North Carolina and Michigan, and all of those entitled to seats were present except six, viz: one each from Iowa, Georgia, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Texas and North Carolina.

Two new sister jurisdictions were this session added to our con-

federation—the Grand Lodges of Kansas and Nebraska, each having five flourishing Lodges.

CONDITION OF THE ORDER.

From the R. W. Grand Secretary's Report for 1857, I learn that returns have been received from 3,505 Subordinate Lodges having 188,712 members in good standing, and that there has been paid out of their treasuries for "relieving the sick, burying the dead, and educating the orphan," $538,411.60; to which there is to be added $34,040.37½, expended by the Encampment branch for the same glorious charity.

The total amount of receipts reported in the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, from both branches of the Order, is $1,226,187.07. In the Grand Secretary's Report for 1858, I find—leaving out the Grand Lodges of Arkansas and Nebraska, from which no reports were received—3,385 Lodges, 176,700 members in good standing. There has been paid for the "relief of the sick, burying the dead, and educating the orphan," by the Subordinate Lodges, the sum of $440,259.22, and from the Encampment branch $36,679.94—amounting to $476,938.66. The gross amount of Receipts being for the fiscal year, $1,333,841.57.

Herewith are submitted copies of the Annual Reports of the M. W. Grand Sire, and the R. W. Grand Secretary, for more particular information. I also have much pleasure in presenting to the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West a bound copy of the Journal of the Proceedings of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, (in four volumes,) including a history of the institution of Odd Fellowship from 1819 to 1855—with the Journals for 1856, 1857 and 1858, in pamphlet form.

DECISIONS BY THE M. W. GRAND SIRE, WM. ELLISON.

First.—Whether it is competent for a Grand Lodge to grant a duplicate or any other kind of a copy of a subordinate charter to a working Lodge, and at the same time permit such Lodge *to retain the original in its possession?*

Second.—In granting a charter to take the place of one mutilated, defaced or destroyed, can the Grand Lodge change or vary the phraseology or the original charter?

Third.—In case of the absence or death of any of the original signers of a subordinate charter, is it competent for the *present* officers to write the names of the original signers upon the new copy, and with their own signatures attest the fact of their being a true copy of the original signatures?

My reply to these enquiries was as follows:

To the first, that there is no provision to furnish a subordinate body with two charters, except in case where the original one has become mutilated or destroyed.

Second.—That in granting a duplicate charter, the granting power cannot change or vary the phraseology of the original charter.

Third.—In granting a duplicate charter to take the place of one mutilated or destroyed, it should be signed by the officers of the body granting such duplicate, with an endorsement stating that the charter was issued in place of one granted at such a time, and which had become mutilated or destroyed.

Second.—It has been inquired of me "whether an officer of a Lodge whose regalia is in his chair in the lodge-room cannot enter without any regalia?"

The answer is contained in the charge book. No brother is entitled to enter or leave the lodge room unless clothed in regalia. If an officer, and his regalia be in his chair in the lodge room, he must enter in a scarlet regalia, if of that degree, and there exchange it for his official regalia.

Third.—A Grand Representative elect of this body inquires "if by withdrawing from his Subordinate Encampment to establish a new Encampment he forfeits his right to a seat in the Grand Lodge of the United States?"

My reply was, that according to a decision of the Grand Lodge of the United States a withdrawal card severs a member's connection with his Lodge, and if he be an officer of his Grand or Subordinate Lodge, such office becomes vacant. But that I did not understand this decision as applying to a Grand Officer elect. A Grand Representative elect is not a Grand Representative until his credentials have been accepted by the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Fourth.—To an enquiry "whether a Grand Patriarch has the power during the recess of a Grand Encampment to suspend a Subordinate Encampment?" I replied that it is a subject for local law.

Fifth.—It has been inquired of me "whether upon the application of a number of brothers for membership by deposit of card, the Lodge has a right to ballot for the whole number collectively, or must each have a separate ballot?"

My reply was that it would be improper, if not contrary to general law and usage, to ballot collectively on a number of applications for membership by deposit of card. Every member of a Lodge has a right to deposit his ballot upon each individual application for membership, and a collective ballot would be an infringement of this right.

Sixth.—My official opinion has been requested upon the following inquiries:

First.—Can a member become in arrears so as to disqualify him under the laws of the Lodge from receiving benefits during sickness or disability, if he is beneficial at the commencement of such sickness or disability?

Second.—If he cannot, is it competent for a Lodge to withhold the amount of his dues from his weekly benefits in order to keep him in good standing?

My reply was as follows: If a brother was in good standing at the commencement of his sickness, and his Lodge should pay him his dues in full, and he should subsequently and during said sickness become in arrears so as to disqualify him by the by-laws of the Lodge from receiving benefits, I should decide that it was the fault of the Lodge in not retaining so much of his benefits as would keep him in good standing during such sickness or disability, and that the brother would not be disqualified from receiving his benefits during such sickness.

Seventh.—It has been inquired of me "whether a Subordinate Lodge, under the approval of its Grand Lodge, has not a right, by its by-laws, to provide for the balloting of brothers who apply for reinstatement, after having been suspended for non-payment of dues for an indefinite time."

The answer is furnished by the Journals. The Grand Lodge of the United States has decided, in the Cottrell case, (see Journal, volume 3, page 1594,) that the Committee do not perceive any conflict between such a provision and the constitution of this Grand Lodge. The article in the constitution of Pennsylvania upon which the appeal of John Cot-

trell is founded refers to the suspension of members for a definite period. The Digest, page 308, article twenty-one, says: "A brother suspended for non-payment of dues, loses the benefits of membership, but the body which inflicts the penalty *is competent to reinstate him.*" Page 374, article nine, says: "Indefinite suspension of a member for non-payment of dues, may be terminated by a Grand Lodge without the consent of its Subordinate." Page 417, article forty-seven, says: "To require suspended members to apply in due form for re-admission, and then subject them to the ordeal of a ballot, *though not incompatible with general law*, is in conflict with established usage and reciprocal rights of members and Lodges, and the practice should be abolished." (This refers to definite suspensions, as explained in the Digest, page 485, article twenty-two.) It must be conceded, from the authorities and decisions above quoted, that a Subordinate Lodge, under the approval of its Grand Lodge, *does* possess the right, an inherent right to judge of the disqualifications of all applicants for admission or reinstatement to membership, except in cases of definite suspensions; and any legislation of this Grand Lodge depriving a Subordinate of this reserved right would be unjust and arbitrary.

Eighth.—It has been submitted to me "whether in case of a suspended or expelled Lodge, upon its restoration and revival, the officers who filled the chairs at the time of such suspension or expulsion are restored, with the revival of the Lodge, to their former official positions. The Grand Lodge of the United States, at its session in 1849, has answered this question in the affirmative.

Ninth.—It has been inquired of me "whether a member of a Subordinate Lodge, who is also a member of an encampment, and was in good standing in his Lodge at the time of the suspension of said Lodge, loses his membership in the Encampment." The Digest, page 390, article sixty-six, answers this question in the affirmative. To retain membership in an Encampment it is necessary to be a contributing member of a Subordinate Lodge in good standing.

DECISIONS OF THE M. W. GRAND SIRE, GEO. W. RACE.

The following decisions of the M. W. Grand Sire, made during the recess were confirmed:

1st.—That upon principle, a Grand Master should not hold office in his subordinate Lodge, or in a degree Lodge. But that it was a subject for local legislation, and in the absence of any local prohibition, "he might hold any such office as would not in any way interfere with his official business."

2d.—That where a Noble Grand obtains leave of absence from his Lodge for three months and overstays his time, being absent for a majority of nights in the *term*, and his office is declared vacant by a vote of the Lodge, and a Past Grand elected to his vacancy, the Lodge cannot, by the resignation of the latter and the re-election of the former for the remainder of that term, make him a Past Grand entitled to the honors of a Past Noble Grand, as this would permit him to take advantage of his own wrong, and accomplish indirectly that which the law prohibited him doing directly. (See Journal of the Grand Lodge of the United States, 1886, 1898, 2781).

3d.—That an "Ancient Odd-Fellow" is one who has been regularly initiated into the Order and retired therefrom in good standing, either by taking his "permanent," or "withdrawal card," or by "resignation." If done by "resignation," he at once becomes an "Ancient Odd-Fel-

low," and if by taking a permanent card, he becomes so at the expiration of one year from the date of his card.

4th.—That a District Deputy Grand Master has not the right to introduce visitors whose cards are out of date, the power being restricted by law to "Elective Grand Officers."

5th.—That where the by-laws of a Subordinate Lodge read, "That every member, &c., against whom there is no charge, shall be entitled to benefits, "a brother, who is not entitled to sick benefits by reason of the non-payment of his dues, cannot during his sickness, by the payment of all arrearages, reinstate himself in good standing in his Lodge, so as to be entitled to benefits during that illness."

6th.—That where the Constitution of a Lodge requires "a majority of the votes cast to elect to office," there being two candidates for the same office, one having received twenty-seven, the other twenty-six votes, and one blank vote, there was no legal election, as twenty-seven is not a majority of fifty-four; and that a vote in blank is as much a vote to be counted as though it had the name of a candidate upon it.

7th.—That "a Lodge in surrendering its charter and effects, should also relinquish into the control and custody of the Grand Lodge its available and unavailable funds."

8th.—That "the law relating to re-admission of members suspended for non-payment of dues, (page 2665, Journal of the Grand Lodge of the United States, session of 1856), refers to all Subordinate Lodges," whether under the immediate jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, or of State Grand Lodges.

9th.—That "where the Grand Lodge of the United States pass any law or make any decision, providing that a Subordinate Lodge *shall have power* to do certain things, which are denied to the subordinate by a clause in its constitution, framed years since, the Lodge may disregard said prohibitory clause, and do those things expressly allowed by the Grand Lodge without becoming amenable to the laws of its Grand Lodge." The constitution and laws of this Grand Lodge are paramount to all State laws, and the latter, so far as they conflict with the former, must yield to them.

Two other decisions were made by the M. W. Grand Sire, which were revised and altered; the result of the action of the Grand Lodge of the United States, being as follows:

Firstly.—That where the books of a defunct Lodge have been lost or destroyed, a brother who was a member thereof, and is not in possession of his permanent card or certificate of membership from the Grand Secretary, cannot, as the law now stands, be received into any other Lodge as an "Ancient Odd-Fellow." This conclusion was concurred in, and the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved,—That the granting of withdrawal cards to members of defunct Lodges or Encampments, is more properly a subject for local legislation.

Secondly.—A decision that "a member under charges" should be deprived of all rights of every description, except that of speaking "in his own defence when on trial," was overruled; and the Grand Lodge voted to "concur in the views of a former committee, who, in reporting upon a constitution providing that "a member under charges, during the investigation thereof by the Lodge, is under a state of suspension and cannot participate in the work of the Lodge," say, that such a proposition is "subversive of that well known principle that a man is presumed to be innocent until proved guilty; the only effect of undecided

charges is to deprive the member of the right to take a travelling or visiting card, and, where the charges bear upon the right to benefits, to suspend the payment thereof until a final decision," (see Journal 2132, 2174), and "that the same be re-affirmed."

GENERAL DECISIONS BY RESOLUTION.

Decisions were also made by the Grand Lodge upon Reports from the examining committees and resolutions, as follows:

1st.—That printed copies of appeals made in conformity to the law, be received.

2nd.—That the necessity of submitting for approval all amendments to Constitutions of State Grand Bodies, whether of a purely local or general character, is imperative.

3d.—That after a visiting brother has been once regularly examined and introduced, the examination and introduction in form, *may* be subsequently dispensed with, if the Lodge is so minded, "provided the presiding officer shall find the card of the visiting brother to be in date."

4th.—That in Grand Lodges, Past Grands *may* be deprived of their right to vote (unless they be special Representatives) except in the election of Grand officers: and that in the case of such elections, after the opportunity of voting has been once allowed, the Grand Lodge may limit the privilege to special Representatives, or in any other manner define its exercise. Also, that in no case can any one be allowed to vote for the officers of any Grand Body but those properly qualified for membership therein.

5th.—That, as the term "in good standing" embraces those brothers "holding unexpired withdrawal cards," and as, after the expiration of twelve months from date "the card becomes null and void, and of no value," and "the holders of them are beyond the jurisdiction of the Order," being already adjudged by the Grand Lodge of the United States; a brother holding a final card over one year in date, cannot legally be an applicant for a dispensation to open a new Lodge. This decision, although correct, was deemed to bear hardly on some remote and sparsely settled jurisdictions; and the legislative committee have now in charge the subject of the expediency of legislating for their relief.

6th.—"That whenever a Lodge, Encampment, or member of the Order, authorized by existing laws to introduce testimony in any proceeding, may desire the testimony of a non-resident witness, such Lodge, Encampment or member may take the deposition of such witness in the mode described by the resolution of this R. W. Grand Lodge, passed at the session of 1857, and to be found on page 2788 of the Journal." This was adopted to extend equal facilities in this important subject to all parties interested in a judicial proceeding.

7th.—"That a Lodge or Encampment may visit a sister Lodge or Encampment in a body, when accompanied by one of their first two officers, who may introduce them in the manner provided for the introduction of visitors by the elective Grand Officers." This was an important matter, being a proposition to change the unwritten work, requiring a four fifths vote to adopt, and elicited much discussion; being finally adopted by a vote of 83 to 12.

8th.—That further legislation upon the length of terms and periods of official service of Subordinate Lodges is inexpedient. A caustic report on this subject expressed a determination of the Grand Lodge of the United States not to interfere with the six months terms.

9th.—That the time when the person elected to become a member of a Lodge or Encampment, begins his membership, is a "matter for legislation," as already decided by the Grand Lodge of the United States. This decision was decided by the R. W. Grand Lodge of California, on resolution of Grand Rep. Brewster, (page 388) Journal Grand Lodge of California.

REVISION AND MERGEMENT.

This subject, which still maintains its interest in many of the jurisdictions, had been referred to a special committee at the last annual communication, and was brought up on the first day of the communication, by a resolution calling on the committee for a report on the following morning. The committee reported,—"that they have understood the duty assigned to them to be to report a plan whereby the work of the Subordinate Lodge and Encampment might be consolidated, and so to revise and arrange the charge and lectures of both these branches of the Order as to present as a homogeneous whole one work." If the committee have understood the object of their appointment aright, they have but little difficulty in reporting that, in their judgment, such a plan is, under the existing Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States, impracticable. The committee therefore declined to offer any plan which, in their opinion, would in advance be declared unconstitutional, as involving the abolition of Grand Encampments; but say, "They nevertheless are of opinion that if this constitutional impediment was removed by such a change in that instrument as would transfer the jurisdiction over the Patriarchal branch to the State Grand Lodges, whence it was originally derived, and by the imposition of such qualifications for membership in these Grand Lodges, as would appropriately fit them for the supervision of such subordinates, that the local interests of that branch of the Order, as well as its general prosperity, would be greatly promoted, and perhaps, at the same time, the question of mergement be for ever settled." The committee expressed the opinion that "mergement"—"as a whole"—and a corresponding "work"—would injure prosperous jurisdictions as much as it would benefit weak ones; and therefore proposed the local remedy contained in the above suggestion, which, as they proposed in difficult cases (that is, where the Lodge branch was strong and the Encampment branch was feeble), "would assist the Encampment branches, in some jurisdictions, by bringing legislation on the subject at their own doors, where their local cases would be best known and cared for, and could not, on the other hand, prejudice such localities in which the present Encampment system is cherished, since the same local power of legislation would equally appreciate and respect such wants."

From the reasons above given against reporting "a plan of mergement," under "existing circumstances," the committee declined to submit such a plan, and rested under the above expression of their views. This report was signed by Wm. T. Cornwell, A. F. Askew, James L. Ridgely and Alexander E. Glenn, and accompanying it was a partial concurrence from John A. Kennedy and Edward H. Fitzhugh, who "state that they are opposed to revision and mergement in any form or to any extent;"—"still, if any change has to be made, the modified plan proposed by the committee is, perhaps, the most practicable and feasible which can be presented." The above "report was considered" and concurred in."

FINANCE.

With a view to the adoption of some system by which the work of the Grand Lodge of the United States can be carried on without the present injurious disproportion between expenses and revenue, several amendments to the Constitution and Resolutions were taken into consideration and recommended to the notice and examination of subordinate jurisdictions, viz:

1.—To amend Article XIV., Section 5.—In the case of a deficiency in the receipts of any fiscal year to pay its liabilities, that the Grand Lodge of the United States may "levy a capitation tax on the whole membership of the Order, or a specific tax on each Grand Body at its pleasure, sufficient in amount to pay such deficiency." See page 2957, Journal G. L. U. S.

2.—To amend Article XIV., by reducing the Representative tax from $75 to $50. Page 2958, Journal G. L. U. S.

3.—To amend Article IX., Section 2, by limiting the number of Grand Representatives to *one* from each Grand Jurisdiction, with power to cast all votes of such jurisdiction, except the payment of the cost of the extra Representative be assumed by such jurisdiction. Page 2991, Journal G. L. U. S.

4.—To amend Article XII., by requiring the Regular Communications to be held "biennially on the third Monday of September, at 9 o'clock, A. M., at such place as the Grand Lodge may from time to time determine." That meetings may be called by the M. W. Grand Sire after three months' notice to the several Grand Representatives. That between the regular Communications the Grand Sire, Deputy Grand Sire, Grand Secretary, and Committee of Appeals of the preceding session shall form a Committee, meeting semi-annually, to take charge of any and all necessary business, except matters affecting the finance or legislation of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and their action to be subject to reversal or confirmation at the next regular Communication of the Grand Lodge. Page 2995, Journal G. L. U. S.

5th.—To amend Article XXVI., by making the fiscal year to begin on the 1st of January, and end on the 31st December. See page 2969, Journal G. L. U. S.

1.—Also, "*Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge deem it inexpedient and adverse to the best interests of the Order to grant in the future any warrant or charter for the establishment of a Grand Body, unless there shall be under the jurisdiction of the proposed body at least one thousand contributing members at the date of the application." And,

"*Resolved*, That it be respectfully recommended to the M. W. Grand Sire to conform his action on all applications for warrants to the views of this Grand Lodge, as expressed in the above resolution."—Adopted, page 2996, Journal G. L. U. S.

2.—Also, "*Whereas*, At several sessions of the Grand Lodge of the United States, the question of representation to or of meeting of this Grand Lodge, in view of its expenses, is agitated, and it is desirable that the question should be settled to the satisfaction of the Subordinate Grand Bodies, be it

"*Resolved*, That the several subordinate jurisdictions of this Grand Lodge be requested to express their opinions at their next annual session, as to what change it is desirable to make, if any." Adopted, page 2995, Journal G. L. U. S.

The prices for "Installation Form" and for "Diplomas of Membership," were fixed at one dollar each.

Your Representative has been thus minute in his report upon this subject of the finances of the Grand Lodge of the United States, from

a conviction of its intrinsic importance to the welfare of the Order, and from a desire to afford every information and assistance, prompted by a sense of duty, to the efforts I am well assured will be made by Canadian Odd Fellows in justice and generosity to relieve the embarrassments of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. YALE,
Representative.

On motion, the Report of the Grand Representative was received. and ordered to be entered in full on the Minutes.

Rep. Fitzsimmons, of No. 9, from Committee on mileage and per diem, submitted the following Report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge, of Canada West:—

We, your Committee on Mileage and per Diem, beg leave to submit the following Report:—

LODGES.		NO. MILES.	NO. REP.	AM'T MILEAGE	AM'T PER DIEM.	TOTAL.
Brock,	No. 9	276	2	$22 08	$6 00	$28 00
Ontario,	" 12	0	1		3 00	3 00
Union,	" 16	282	5	56 40	15 00	71 00
Chatham,	" 29	486	1	19 44	3 00	22 44
Eureka,	" 30	380	1	15 20	3 00	18 20
Erie,	" 33	392	1	15 68	3 00	18 68
Elgin,	" 32	414	1	16 56	3 00	19 56
Gore,	" 34	290	1	11 60	3 00	14 60
Samaritan,	" 35	332	1	9 28	3 00	12 28
St. Mary's,	" 36	338	1	13 52	3 00	16 52
Imperial,	" 37	308	1	12 32	3 00	15 32
Forest City,	" 38	380	2	30 40	6 00	36 40
		3,878	18	$222 48	$54 00	$276 48

Twelve Lodges represented.

The above is computed at 4 cents per mile: and one dollar and fifty cents per day—allowing two days for the session.

All which is respectfully submitted.

WM. FITZSIMMONS,
WM. BISSELL,
ABEL. BRISTOL, } *Committee.*

Moved by Bro. Collins, and seconded by Bro. Bristol—

Resolved, That the Representatives at the Annual Session of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West of the I. O. O. F., held at Cobourg, on the 3rd August, 1859, having heard with deep regret of the serious illness of our worthy Past Grand Master, Thomas Reynolds, and in view of the many lasting services he has rendered to our beloved Order, we do at this time extend to him our most heartfelt sympathies in this his hour of sickness and affliction, and pray that God in his mercy will restore him again to his usual health, and that the rays of heaven may shed their benign influence on him, so that he may still continue to aid us by his counsel and advice.

Unanimously adopted.

Rep. H. W. Winchester, of No. 16, from the Committee on Laws of Subordinates, submitted the following Report:—

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West:—

Your Committee on Laws of Subordinates would beg leave to Report that no matters of importance have come before us except the recommendation of the M. W. G. Master, that the Representative system, as adopted by the Grand Lodge last year, be changed, each Lodge sending only one Representative to this Grand Lodge, in order to relieve the Grand Lodge and Subordinates of the heavy tax at present imposed on their funds, with power to cast the same number of votes as they are at present entitled to; and that this Grand Lodge pay the mileage and per diem of such Representative. And also, that the number constituting the Committee of Appeals be altered to five members, instead of one Representative from each Lodge, as at present.

Your Committee would therefore urge that the Grand Secretary be instructed to send a copy of this Report to each Lodge in this jurisdiction and notify them that these Resolutions will come up for action at the next session of the Grand Lodge; and also, that Lodges be instructed to act on this Resolution in sending Representatives to next session of the Grand Lodge.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. W. WINCHESTER,
W. A. GLOVER.

Nomination and election of officers for the ensuing year being now in order, the following was the result:

Bro. Chauncey Yale, St. Catharines, M. W. G. M.—Re-elected.

" A. J. Allsworth, Port Burwell, R. W. D. G. M.—Being no other nomination, was declared elected.

" S. G. Dolson, St. Catharines, R. W. G. Secretary—Re-elected.

" Wm. Fitzsimmons, Brockville, R. W. G. Treasurer—Re-elected.

" Wm. Bissell, London, R. W. G. Warden—Declared elected.

" Thos. Partridge and C. Yale, for R. W. G. Representatives.

On passing the ballot, Rep. Thos. Partridge, of London, was declared elected.

On motion, that the next meeting of the Grand Lodge be held in St. Catharines. Moved in amendment by Bro. Fitzsimmons, that the next meeting be at Brockville. After some discussion, Bro. Fitzsimmons withdrew his amendment, and the original motion carried.

Grand Lodge adjourned to meet to-morrow at 9 o'clock A. M.

Thursday Morning, 9 o'clock.

Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment. Present, a quorum of Grand Officers and Representatives.

On motion of Rep. Wigmore, the Report of T. Partridge, D. D. G. M., was again read.

After being read, it was referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Reps. G. M. Goodeve, T. Fletcher, and W. A. Glover.

Bro. Varey being one of the Committee on State of the Order, and having retired, Bro. Thos. Fletcher was named to act in his place.

By particular request, the degree of Rebekah was conferred on

Bro. Collins, and all others entitled to receive it. After which Rep. Allsworth, by request, went through with the secret work.

On motion of Rep. Bristol, seconded by Rep. Allsworth, the following was referred to Committee on State of Order.

Resolved,—That this Grand Lodge take into consideration the propriety of increasing the facilities for the institution of new Lodges within the limits of the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

The before mentioned Officers who who were declared elected, were now installed to their respective chairs, in regular form. The Grand Master then announced the following appointed Officers :—

Rep. Richard Wigmore,.....Grand Marshall.
" Daniel Drake,..... " Guardian.
" A. C. Dana,..... " Conductor.

Rep. G. M. Goodeve submitted the following Report :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West :

Your Committee to whom was referred the Report of the D. D. Grand Master, of Middlesex, beg leave to Report—That they are all of one opinion that the Brethren alluded to in said Report having used the Seal of the Lodge without first obtaining the consent of the said Lodge, are deserving of censure ; but they find the Brethren have expressed their regret for this transaction. We therefore hope, as this Grand Lodge feel the great impropriety, as well as the illegal course pursued by the Brethern, that in future such a transaction may not occur. And they further report, that they consider a severe censure should be given to the N. G. of Eureka Lodge, for refusing to sign the Report of the Lodge at the close of the term ; for, in consequence of such neglect, it might have placed his Lodge in a false position, and prevented them from having a voice in this Grand Body.

Respectfully submitted,

G. M. GOODEVE,
THOS. FLETCHER,
W. A. GLOVER.

Moved by Rep. Goodeve, and seconded by Rep. Drake, that the G. Secretary get 200 copies of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge printed.—Adopted.

Moved by Rep. Wigmore, and seconded by D. G. M. Allsworth—That the warmest thanks of the Grand Lodge are hereby tendered to Past Deputy Grand Master, Arthur McDonald, for the manner in which he has performed the duties of that office ; and it is the sincere wish of this Grand Lodge that he may long be spared to counsel and advise. —Unamiously adopted.

The M. W. Grand Master, with the concurrence of the Grand Lodge, appointed the following District Dnputy Grand Masters :

For Leeds and Grenville,—Robert Fitzsimmons, Brockville.
" *Lincoln and Welland*,—Timothy Healy, St. Catharines.
" *Lambton, Kent & Essex*.—Calvin Stephens, Chatham.
" *Middlesex, Huron & Bruce*, Wm. Bissell, London
" *Northumberland, Durham, Peterboro and Victoria*,—A. MacDonald, Cobourg.
" *Elgin East*,—W. A. Glover, Pt. Burwell.
" *Elgin West*,—Asa Howard, St. Thomas.
" *Brant and Haldimand*,—George Varey, Brantford.
" *Oxford*,—John Barr, Ingersoll.
" *Perth*,—G. R. McIntosh, St. Marys.

The following moved by Rep. Wigmore, and seconded by Rep. Bissell, was unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Body is hereby tendered to the Officers and Members of Ontario Lodge No. 12, for the use of their Lodge Room during the present session, and also for the kind and warm reception extended to the Officers, Representatives and Members of this Grand Lodge, not only in our social intercourse while among them, but in the sumptuous Banquet with which we were provided at the North American; and it is the sincere wish of this Grand Lodge that the efforts of Ontario Lodge may be crowned with success in the promotion of the grand principles of our Order.

Past Deputy Grand Master, A. MacDonald, of No. 12, from the Committee on State of the Order, submitted the following Report.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West :

The Committee on State of the Order beg to Report—

That the Committee fully concur in the Report of the Grand Secretary, particularly with reference to the future prospect of the Order, as set forth in section 2 of that Report. The suggestions made by the worthy Secretary in section 5 having been reversed by a vote of this Grand Lodge, by the appointment of Representative Partridge as Grand Representative, requires merely the passing notice that the Committee fully appreciate the remarks of the Grand Secretary, and admit their propriety and justice. The Report of the Grand Secretary is therefore recommended for adoption and approval.

Your Committee consider that notwithstanding the outside pressure, and under all circumstances, the present state of the Order is satisfactory, and affords cheering prospects for the future.

With reference to the Report of the Committee appointed at the last session of this Grand Lodge to investigate the affairs of Rose Lodge, your Committee recommend that the future D. D. G. M. should be instructed to obtain possession of the charter, property and funds of the said Lodge; and that the Secretary of this Lodge should be advised to grant cards of clearance to all such members as would be favourable to the resuscitation of the Lodge, so that immediate action to that effect may be taken thereafter.

Your Committee would strongly recommend that this Grand Lodge should urge upon the respective Subordinate Lodges the inconvenience and even danger of investing their surplus funds in private hands; and that it would be more desirable that such investments should be made in public securities, such as bank stock or other chartered institution, where they can be realized when required.

With reference to the last clause of the Report referred to, your Committee would recommend that the Grand Secretary should write to Rose Lodge and express the surprise of this Grand Lodge that any such conduct as therein set forth should have been tolerated. A due respect for their own Lodge, not to mention the want of respect for the officers of this Grand Lodge, should have caused Rose Lodge to visit the conduct of the members guilty of such unworthy conduct with the severest censure; and immediate action should have been taken to remove the evil impressions likely to have been created by the occurrence alluded to

With regard to the motion of Representative Bristol upon the subject of affording more facilities for the establishment of new Lodges, your Committee see no other mode of accomplishing this desirable object than to recommend to the nearest Lodge to retain the fees for Initiation and Degrees for the candidates who are desirous to start a new Lodge, and that after the object has been accomplished by their obtaining a Charter, the fees should be handed over to the new Lodge, with the exception of the Cards of Clearance, which would have to be obtained for this purpose.

In cases such as stated, with reference to the Valley of the Ottawa, your Committee are of the opinion that the locality would afford a valuable field for the introduction of Odd Fellowship; and the easiest and least expensive mode of accomplishing the object would be that the Grand Master should be authorized to appoint a delegation which might consist of two members, one from Brock

Lodge and the Brother who may be on the spot for the time being. The expense of the delegation to be borne by the new Lodge upon obtaining its Charter.

All which is respectfully submitted.

A. MACDONALD, *Chairman.*
T. PARTRIDGE,
THOS. FLETCHER.

Cobourg, 4th August, 1859.

Rep. A. McDonald submitted the following Supplementary Report of the Committee on the State of the Order:—

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West.

Upon the subject of the communications from D. D. Grand Masters John Barr of Samaritan Lodge, James Woodyatt of Gore and Imperial Lodge, Thomas Fletcher of Union Lodge, with a copy of Resolution upon the subject of the celebration held 26th April, James Henry of Chatham Lodge, and G. R. McIntosh of St. Mary's, the Committee would only remark, that they appear satisfactory, and give good promise of future prosperity.

With reference to the letter from Brother G. T. Claris, the Committee heartily concur in the remarks made by the Grand Master in his Report upon Elgin Lodge, No. 32; and sincerely hope that the Brethren of Elgin Lodge therein alluded to, may upon mature reflection, have felt that hasty proceedings are not in accordance with the spirit of Odd Fellowship. That the object they all no doubt have in view, that is, to maintain the principles of the Order, which would be better attained by a little yielding on both sides; and hope that Bros. Claris, Caulfield and McLean may be induced to deposit their Cards with Elgin Lodge, and bury past differences in oblivion, in order that such worthy members may not be lost to the good cause, when it is in their power thus to show a laudable example of forbearance and good feeling to the members of the Order generally.

Your Committee have much pleasure in calling the attention of their Brother Representatives to the able Report of our worthy Grand Master, which is replete with valuable and interesting statistics, as well as useful instruction to the working and progress of the Order, which they should carefully treasure in grateful remembrance for future guidance.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. MACDONALD, *Chairman.*
T. PARTRIDGE,
THOS. FLETCHER.

Rep. S. G. Dolson, from the Committee on that subject, submitted the following Report:

To the M. W. Grand Master, Officers and Members of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West:

The Special Committee to whom was referred the notice of a Resolution passed at the last session of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, recommending that the Subordinate Jurisdictions express their views at their next annual session as to what would be the best mode of lessening the expenses and paying the liabilities of that R. W. Grand Lodge, beg most respectfully to report:

That in our opinion it would not be prudent to levy a capitation tax on the entire membership, as it would be the means perhaps of creating a dissatisfaction, which should be avoided if possible; but would recommend that the R. W. Grand Lodge, instead of meeting every year, meet biennially, on the third Monday in September, at such place as shall be determined; and that the mileage and per diem of one Representative from each jurisdiction be allowed—such Representative having the privilege of casting votes for all his Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment shall be entitled to; and that the Representative tax be reduced from seventy-five to fifty dollars, to be paid annually, for each vote such jurisdiction may be entitled to—the same to continue in force until all liabilities are paid, and a fund established; and that the Grand Sire, D. G. Sire, Grand Secretary and Committee on Appeals be a Committee to meet and transact all business,

at such times and in such places as the Grand Sire shall determine, and deem absolutely necessary.

Respectfully submitted.

S. G. DOLSON,
THOS. FLETCHER,
THOS. PARTRIDGE,
WM. BISSELL.

The Grand Lodge adjourned to meet again at the Town of St. Catharines, on the first Wednesday in the month of August, A.D. 1860.

SAMUEL G. DOLSON,
Grand Secretary.

Sixth Annual Communication

HELD IN THE

TOWN OF ST. CATHARINES, AUGUST 1ST, 1860.

ST. CATHARINES, August 1st, 1860.

THE Grand Officers and Representatives having assembled in the Rooms of Union Lodge, No. 16, the presiding Noble Grand delivered the following address:—

Most Worthy Grand Master, Officers and Representatives of the Grand Lodge of Canada West:

As the Noble Grand of Union Lodge No. 16, it affords me much pleasure to welcome you amongst us on this occasion; and on behalf of Union Lodge, I tender you the free use of this Hall during your present Session. I trust your intercourse with us will be characterized by that good feeling which should always actuate true Odd Fellows, and that in your deliberations nothing will occur to embarrass your actions or disturb your harmony. Four years have elapsed since it was our privilege to entertain you at St. Catharines in our old Lodge Room, at which time our then Grand Master, the late lamented Thos. Reynolds, Esq., M. D., of Brockville, was pleased to compliment us as being the most prosperous Lodge in his jurisdiction. Since then we have seen some severe reverses of fortune; but through the kind and unerring guidance of an All-wise Providence, who hath sent blessings in disguise, we are again in a flourishing condition. In welcoming you to this Lodge, and to the town of St. Catharines, we also request that you will do us the honor to become our guests at a public dinner, to be given this evening at the Welland House, in honor of the Grand Lodge.

And in conclusion, let us tender our grateful acknowledgements to the Divine Grand Master, whose out-stretched Arm has supported us and whose Wisdom has guided us, for the last forty-one years. I hope He will continue His blessings, and that that institution may ever exist, whose motto is, "Friendship, Love and Truth."

The M. W. Grand Master, C. Yale, Esq., replied in the following terms:

Noble Grand, Officers and Members of Union Lodge:

On behalf of the Grand Lodge, I thank you for the very fraternal and complimentary offers you have made us. It gives me much pleasure to be able to express to you the high sense which the Grand Lodge entertains of the claims of their brethren in St. Catharines; and also that we accept gladly the honor of your invitation for the dinner this evening.

The Grand Master then took the Chair, and appointed Brother Partridge as Deputy Grand Master *pro tem.*, and Bro. W. A. Glover as Grand Warden *pro tem.*

The Grand Lodge, having been opened in the Scarlet Degree, was proclaimed in order for the transaction of business.

The Grand Master announced the following Committee on Credentials:

Bro. JOHN BARR.....Samaritan Lodge, No. 35.
" A. C. DANA.....Brock " " 9.
" W. H. NELSON.....Chatham " " 29.

Rep. John Barr, from the Committee on Credentials, submitted the following Report:

To the R. W. the Grand Lodge of Canada West:

The Committee on Credentials submit the following Report as the result of their examinations, and the following names they find duly accredited to sit as representatives in this Grand Body:

ROBERT FITZSIMMONS,	*Brock*	*Lodge*	*No.*	9.
A. C. DANA,				
ARTHUR McDONALD,	*Ontario*	"	"	12.
JOHN R. COOK,	*Union*	"	"	16.
HUGH MURRAY,				
WM. H. READ,				
W. H. NELSON,	*Chatham*	"	"	29.
J. R. PEEL,	*Eureka*	"	"	30.
JOHN KING,	*Elgin*	"	"	32.
W. A. GLOVER,	*Erie*	"	"	33.
H. C. BINGHAM,	*Gore*	"	"	34.
JOHN BARR,	*Samaritan*	"	"	35.
JOHN McLEAN,	*St. Marys*	"	"	36.
RICHARD BOX,				
JOHN COLLINS,	*Imperial*	"	"	37.
E. W. DIXON,	*Forest City*	"	"	38.
CALVIN STEPHENS,	*Rond Eau*	"	"	40.

The Credentials from Imperial Lodge No. 37, accrediting P. G. John Collins as their Representative, had no Seal attached, the Lodge having none. The Credentials from Gore Lodge No. 34, were likewise without seal, the same being destroyed by fire. We also find the Credentials from Eureka Lodge No. 30, not in regular form, and also the Credentials from Ontario Lodge No. 12, not correctly worded and without Seal. Your Committee however, would recommend

the acceptance of the above Credentials, but would suggest to the R. W. Grand Body the necessity of future uniformity in all our forms. If we do not insist upon this in our Grand Body, we cannot expect correct working in the subordinate Lodges.

We would recommend that a few hundred copies of blank Credentials be printed, and the necessary copies sent to each Lodge with the other papers to be filled, with the Returns. One of the Credentials to be forwarded to the D. D. G. M. with the Returns, or to the Grand Secretary, and the other with the Representative,

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN BARR, *Chairman.*
A. C. DANA.
W. H. NELSON.

On motion the Report was adopted.

On motion Rep. Bingham, of No. 34, the reading of the minutes of the Cobourg Session, was dispensed with, and adopted as printed.

The Grand Master then appointed the under-mentioned Representatives on the following standing Committees :

On Returns.—Reps. John R. Cook, W. A. Glover and John King.

On Finance.—Reps. H. C. Bingham, J. R. Peel and John McLean.

On Appeals.—Reps. A. McDonald, A. C. Dana, John Collins, Richard Box and William H. Read.

On Laws of Subordinates.—Reps. John Barr, Robt. Fitzsimmons, Hugh Murray, E. W. Dixon and W. H. Nelson.

On Mileage and per Diem.—Reps. John King, H. C. Bingham and Richard Box.

On the State of the Order.—Rep. John King, W. A. Glover and Calvin Stephens.

All communications and papers appertaining to the business of the said Committees were referred to them, to enable them to report with as little delay as possible.

The Grand Master then read his Annual Address, as follows :

GRAND MASTER'S REPORT.

To the Representatives of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West:

OFFICERS AND BRETHREN :—

The period fixed by the Constitution of this Grand Lodge for the annual Communication having arrived, it becomes my duty to render to you a report of my stewardship and official acts. But first, I would join with you in acknowledging our dependence and gratitude to an All-wise Providence, who has once more permitted us to meet under such favorable circumstances, for the purpose of reviewing the past, and to make such alterations and amendments as may in your wisdom be found necessary for the best interests and furtherance of the principles of our beloved Order.

In my last report, mine was the unpleasant task to call your attention to the long continued illness of the late Past Grand Master, Thos. Reynolds, Esq., who, it may be truly said, was the father of the Grand Lodge of Canada West, and whose untiring zeal for the well-being and prosperity of Odd Fellowship was ever uppermost in his thoughts and actions. Ever ready to relieve the distressed, to succor the destitute, and to advise the erring of his revered Brotherhood, that heart and hand that so often and so freely opened to relieve and sympathize with

the distressed, now lies silent in the tomb. But his virtues remain, a lasting monument for our example. May we profit by the admonition, that we too may "be also ready," when the Great Master above shall call us hence. An extract from his last Report may not be inappropriate. He says: "We are all hastening to that bourne whence no traveller returns. The many emblems and symbols of our Order with which you are familiar, point to this great fact; the hour-glass of time is as steadily emptying its sands, as we are approaching that period hidden in the womb of Time, when all distinctions of society, all differences of blood, of class, and of creed, shall be mingled together in the dust." His love of peace and good will to man are exemplified in the Report referred to: "We hold the olive branch of peace in our hands, pointing to the links which bind us together, extending the right hand of fellowship to all mankind. May the great Anglo Saxon race never meet in contest or strife, other than in a friendly rivalry in the great and good influence of Friendship, Love and Truth." I would respectfully suggest, that some fitting testimonial of regard to his memory be presented his family, expressive of the high esteem in which this Grand Lodge and the members of the Order generally regard it, and in which all may unite in tendering their sympathy and condolence on the bereavement which his afflicted family and friends have sustained.

Several questions have been submitted for my opinion, on the law in relation to them and their application to Subordinate Lodges.

1st. Is not a D. D. G. Master's decision binding on a Subordinate Lodge in his jurisdiction, unless reversed by this Grand Lodge?

My reply was, that a Subordinate Lodge was bound by its obligations to pay due respect to the decisions of its superior officers, who have become such by the consent of the Subordinates through their representatives, and who, for the time being exercise the duty of Grand Masters in their respective jurisdictions, and are entitled to the same respect for their opinions and decisions; but should such officers at any time impose too heavy burdens, or make decisions contrary to law, Subordinates have their remedy by appeal to this Grand Lodge.

2nd. If a Subordinate Lodge persists in acting contrary to the decisions of a D. D. Grand Master, what is the penalty?

I answered, should such action be a flagrant violation of any law by which we, as Odd Fellows, are governed, such Subordinates are liable to suspension or expulsion, as its Grand Lodge may determine.

3rd. It has been inquired, can a Subordinate Lodge resuscitate a suspended member, who has been suspended for non-payment of dues for a limited time, if such member should pay his indebtedness before the limitation expires?

My answer was, that they in fact become members in good standing on the Lodge books, the moment that the cause for which the suspension was imposed has been removed, and that it would not be legal to subject the brother to the ordeal of a ballot.

4th. Can a Noble Grand suspend a member for three months, for non-payment of dues, after fifteen months dues have accrued on the Lodge books?

My reply was as follows: that a Noble Grand has no power to extend the term of suspension, unless by consent of his Lodge, as provided by the By-laws.

5th. D, D. Grand Master, Varey, Gore Lodge, No. 34, enquires if it is competent for a Subordinate Lodge to admit members in arrears or suspended for non-payment of dues, and of whose indebtedness they

have no record, having lost all their books in the late fire on the 17th July last in Brantford, which destroyed their Lodge room, furniture, regalia, and papers?

My answer will be found in the Digest of Grand Lodge of the United States, folio 509, section 11, which recites "that Subordinate Lodges may make such arrangements in regard to accumulated arrears of dues, as will secure the reinstatement of members who have lost their membership from disuse." (Journal 1885, 1948, G. L. U. S.)

By section 12 of Digest, folio 509, Subordinate Lodges may settle by compromise their pecuniary claims, upon such of their members suspended for non-payment of dues as shall have established their residence in another State; and by virtue of such settlement may grant their regular Clearance Cards. (Folio 2496 and 2520, Journal Grand Lodge U. S.)

6th. The question was also submitted, can a Lodge receive evidence of respectable parties not members of the Order, to sustain a charge against a brother?

I have been unable to find any law prohibiting such agency, other than the wife of the brother, to sustain charges preferred against a member; but would suggest that caution be exercised in making too public a display of the action of the committee, whose duty it is to decide the issue between the Lodge and the accused.

I would respectfully call your attention to the report submitted by the Committee on Laws of Subordinates—viz: That the representative system as adopted last year be changed, each Lodge requiring only one representative, (in order to relieve the Grand Lodge and Subordinates of the heavy tax at present imposed on their funds,) with power to cast the same number of votes as they are at present entitled to, and that this Grand Lodge pay the mileage and per diem of such representatives. Also, that the members constituting the Committee of Appeals be altered to five members, instead of one representative, from each Subordinate, as at present, which was adopted. The Constitution requires that amendments thereto should have the sanction of two consecutive Sessions, before they can become legal. I am confident that by the adoption of the first clause of the report, this Grand Lodge would be enabled to reduce the per centage from its Subordinates. I would also suggest the propriety of locating the sittings of this Grand Lodge at some central place in this jurisdiction, at which place the Grand Secretary should reside, and receive such remuneration for his services as will be reasonable; from the fact that the correspondence of that office has materially increased, requiring much time to properly prepare the works and minutes of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge. Much of the prosperity and well-being of the Order depends on the efficient discharge of the duties of that office.

Several appeals have been placed in the Grand Secretary's hands, which will require the attention of the Committee on Appeals, before being submitted for your consideration.

Since your last communication I have issued a Warrant for a Subordinate Lodge at Blenheim, named Rond Eau Lodge, No. 40—dispensation dated 21st March, 1860—which is submitted for your approval. From their report, dated June 30th, 1860, you will learn that their prospects are flattering; their returns give evidence of twenty-five members in good standing which is truly a good commencement.

From the D. D. Grand Masters appointed at your last Session, I have received the most cordial co-operation, exhibiting an untiring zeal

for the promotion of order and good will among the members; exciting them to renewed energy in that cause which ameliorates the sufferings of mankind, and the furtherance of those principles which bind us to each other, by the influence of our appropriate motto, Friendship, Love and Truth. Their reports will be laid before you; and in commending them to your consideration as valuable documents, allow me to express to these officers my grateful acknowledgements for the assistance in the performance of my onerous duties.

In resigning the trust imposed on me as Grand Master for the term just expiring, permit me to express my heartfelt thanks to you and the members of the Order in this jurisdiction for the many favors bestowed, and the hearty co-operation and aid received from you in the performance of the duties incumbent on this highest office in your gift. And now I beg leave to surrender the office to my successor; returning the homage of a grateful heart to the Supreme Being for the guardian care with which he has nursed our beloved Order. Let me invoke a continuance of His blessings; may He guide and direct your councils, and temper your deliberations with wisdom and judgment; so that you may preside over the destinies of this institution with religious and watchful care. Farewell my brethren, and permit me to tender you individually my most affectionate feelings, and best wishes for your continued health, happiness and prosperity.

CHAUNCEY YALE,
Grand Master.

St. Catharines, August 1st, 1860.

On motion, the Grand Master's Address was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

The Annual Report of the Grand Secretary was next submitted, which he read as follows:

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

St. Catharines, August 1st, 1860.

To the R. W. the Grand Lodge of Canada West, I. O. O. F.:

Brethren:—I have again the honor of submitting to you my Annual Report for the year ending 30th June, 1860, as required by our Constitution; and it is a source of gratification to me to be enabled to congratulate the assembled Representatives at this time on the increasing prosperity of our much beloved Order.

Although we in this jurisdiction have not, during the past year, increased in numerical strength, yet the information that I receive from all parts of the United States, convinces me that at no period since the introduction of our Order on the American continent has it been in a better or healthier condition; and we have abundant cause to lift our hearts in gratitude to that Providence which has fostered and supported us during the past year.

And while we thus congratulate ourselves upon our prosperity, let us as Odd Fellows ever be mindful, that to Him who controls the elements of discord, stills the storm, soothes the spirit of passion, and directs in harmony men's united efforts, are we indebted for the success of our principles, and humbly should we acknowledge our dependence on Him for the future success of our cause. The reports as received from the different Lodges in our jurisdiction show the condition of the Order to be as follows:

STATISTICAL TABLE,

SHOWING THE CONDITION OF THE

I. O. O. F. of Canada West, for the year ending June 30th 1860.

NAME.	No.	Initiations.	Rejections.	Admitted by Card.	Withdrawn.	Suspended.	Expelled.	Reinstated.	Deaths.	Past Grands.	No. of Contributing Members.	Paid for Sick Benefits.	Relief of Widows.	Funeral Expenses.	Widows' and Orphans' Fund.	Degrees Conferred.	REPRESENTATIVES.
Brock	9	11	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	22	64	$130 00	$ 90 00	$ 40 00	$1241 00	32	A. C. Dana. R. Fitzsimmons.
Ontario	12	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	..	16	.....	.....	30 00	404 00	5	A. Macdonald.
Union	16	12	1	0	0	21	0	2	1	19	120	164 00	350 00	30 00	1980 00	33	J. R. Cook. Hugh Murray. Wm. H. Read.
Chatham	29	6	0	1	0	4	0	0	0	8	32	15 00	.....	.....	179 00	16	Wm. H. Nelson.
Eureka	30	8	0	0	5	4	3	0	0	7	44	60 00	.....	.....	634 00	12	J. R. Peel.
Elgin	32	6	1	1	2	4	6	1	0	10	36	18 00	.....	15 00	467 00	13	John King.
Erie	33	6	0	0	0	17	20	0	0	7	41	32 00	5 00	.....	322 00	19	W. A. Glover.
Gore	34	3	0	0	3	12	6	0	1	6	28	98 00	35 00	30 00	513 00	5	H. C. Bingham.
Samaritan	35	3	0	0	2	2	7	2	0	4	32	27 00	.....	.....	238 00	18	John Barr.
St. Mary's	36	11	0	1	1	1	4	0	0	7	59	.....	.....	15 00	110 00	50	John McLean. Richard Box.
Imperial	37	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	5	18	78 00	.....	.....	103 00	7	John Collins.
Forest City	38	11	1	0	6	7	1	1	1	4	21	46 00	.....	30 00	238 00	14	E. W. Dixon.
Rond Eau	40	16	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	1	23	.....	.....	.....	6 00	74	Calvin Stephens.
		96	4	14	19	72	48	6	6	100	534	$668 00	$480 00	$190 00	$6435 00	298	

Initiations	96	Past Grands	100
Admitted by Card	4	Whole number of Contributing Members	534
Rejected	14	Paid for sick benefits	$668
Withdrawn by Card	19	Relief of Widows	$480
Suspended	72	Funeral Expenses	$190
Expelled	48	Widow and Orphan's Fund	$6435
Reinstated	6	Degrees conferred	298
Deceased	6		

RECEIPTS FOR YEAR.

Amounts Received for Term Ending 31st Dec. 1859.

Received from	Grand Treasurer for Postage Stamps	$ 1 64
"	T. Partridge, on account of Cards	7 50
"	G. Varey, " "	3 00
"	Elgin Lodge, " "	2 40
"	Public Installation and Degree Books	7 50
"	St. Mary's Lodge, for per centage	9 52
"	Eureka " "	15 20
"	" " balance on account	4 45
"	Forest City " for per centage	12 55
"	" " Travelling Cards $4, Clearance $2	6 00
"	Erie " for per centage	7 98
"	Samaritan " "	8 00
"	Chatham " "	6 88
"	Union " "	19 78
"	Gore " "	11 20
"	Imperial " "	2 76
"	Ontario " "	2 50
"	Brock " "	10 70
"	Elgin " "	9 42
	Total, ending 31st Dec. 1859	$148 93
	By less received from Brock Lodge on account of overpaid dues	9 18
	Total Term ending 30th Dec., 1859	$139 75

Amounts Received for Term Ending 30th June, 1860.

Received from	Brock Lodge, for per centage	$ 8 94
"	St. Mary's " "	21 00
"	Chatham " "	8 13
"	Erie " "	8 00
"	Forest City " "	13 01
"	Eureka " "	14 00
"	" " for account	6 50
"	Samaritan " for per centage	10 75
"	" " for account	0 86
"	Elgin " for per centage	10 60
"	Rond Eau " "	10 21
"	Gore " "	4 50
"	" " for account	13 65
"	Union " for per centage	27 36
"	Imperial " "	2 85
"	Ontario " "	3 70
"	Rond Eau " for dispensation	30 00
		$194 06
	Brought forward	139 75
	Total paid Grand Treasurer	$333 81
	By Error in Samaritan Lodge return	0 32
	Total Year ending 30th June, 1860	$334 14

Brethren, I cannot close this report without returning you my most sincere thanks for the honor you conferred upon me in re-electing me to fill this important office. I assure you I have always endeavored to discharge my duties to the best of my ability, and if I have failed in so doing, it may be attributed to the head and not the heart; for I have invariably felt a strong desire to see our Order prosper, especially under Canadian jurisdiction. Nor can I but think that the year just brought to a close is exceedingly satisfactory and favourable to our much beloved Order; and that it may long continue thus to prosper and extend its usefulness throughout every portion of the world, is the sincere wish of Your Grand Secretary,

SAMUEL G. DOLSON.

On motion, the Grand Secretary's Report was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order and Finance.

Rep. A. McDonald, from the Committee on Appeals, presented the following report, which was read, and on motion adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West:

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of J. B. Ingamells, of Eureka Lodge, No. 30, from examination of different papers, beg leave to report with reference to the complaint respecting the purchase of a carpet for the Lodge Room. The Committee consider it a matter of regret that any difference of opinion should have arisen upon the subject, as the Committee appointed by Eureka Lodge to fit up the Lodge Room appears to have been actuated by the best intentions; at the same time, the proceedings were not in accordance with By-Law No. 5, section 7, of the Lodge. The proceedings of that Committee may, however, be defended or palliated by the facts which have come to the knowledge of your Committee: namely, that matters of a similar nature have been passed over by Eureka Lodge without remark, and that the matter in question was not done hurriedly; but while it was in progress there appears to have been abundance of time to have given the notice required by the By-Law referred to, if the Committee had deemed it necessary, and certainly sufficient time for any disputing members to have opposed the proceedings, had they thought proper to do so, by attending in their places for that purpose.

In conclusion, the Committee would strongly recommend a cordiality of action in Lodge proceedings, and an adherence to the By-Laws, as any want of co-operation among the members of a Lodge, although it may appear trifling at first, may result in serious consequences.

Respectfully submitted.

A. McDONALD, *Chairman.*
WM. H. READ,
JOHN COLLINS,
RICHARD BOX,
A. C. DANA.

The communication received from Eureka Lodge, setting forth sundry complaints against the Grand Secretary for overcharge on Cards, &c., &c., was referred to the Committee on Appeals, who reported as follows:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West:—

Your Committee, after a careful perusal of the documents laid before them, and hearing some members of Eureka Lodge, came to the following conclusion: That the difference appearing in the charges of the Grand Lodge for Cards of Clearance, arises from the price of the said Cards having been increased by order of the Grand Lodge of the United States. That the overcharge complained of in the Dues of the Grand Lodge in 1857, appears to have arisen from the Return having been altered, which had to be sent back for correction, a copy of which had probably not been retained by the Permanent Secretary of Eureka Lodge, as

the corrected Return plainly shows the Dues of the Grand Lodge to be £4 1s. 2d. currency on 31st December, 1857. Both of these matters, however, the Committee understand have been adjusted by proper explanations.

Respectfully submitted.

A. McDONALD, *Chairman.*
WM. A. READ,
JOHN COLLINS,
RICHARD BOX,
A. C. DANA.

Moved by Rep. King, and seconded by Rep. Dickson, that the reports be adopted.—Carried.

On motion it was resolved—That C. Yale, Grand Master, Samuel G. Dolson, Grand Secretary, and Rep. J. R. Cook, be a Committee to receive and select from drawings (which may be presented to them gratuitously), a Charter for subordinate Lodges, and that the sum of Fifty Dollars be placed at their disposal to accomplish the completion thereof as soon as possible.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock.

THURSDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock A. M.

Lodge opened in the Scarlet Degree.

The Grand Master ordered recess for one hour, for the purpose of allowing the Committees time to complete their reports.

The Committee on Returns, being prepared to report, submitted the following, which was on motion adopted:

To the R. W. the Grand Lodge of Canada West:

Your Committee on Returns beg leave to report, that they have examined the same and find them correct, with the exception that most of the Lodges have made a slight error in reporting the number of members in good standing. Comparing one report with the other, your Committee would recommend that the Lodges be instructed to be more particular in future. And your Committee would also suggest the necessity of an alteration in the form of said Reports, as follows:—That the word *other* in said Reports be altered, so as to read *whole* number.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN R. COOK, *Chairman.*
W. A. GLOVER,
JOHN KING.

The Committee on Laws of Subordinates submitted the following report, which was on motion adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West:

Your Committee on Subordinates have considered the application of Chatham Lodge, No. 29, for amendment of their By-Laws, and would respectfully recommend its approval, reading as follows:—"That all Brothers reinstated by compromise, who have been suspended for non-payment of dues, shall not be entitled to receive any sick or other benefits, until the expiration of six months from the time of such reinstatement."

The Constitution and By-Laws of Rond Eau Lodge, No. 40, as also that of Erie Lodge, No. 33, we find conflict with the Constitution for Subordinates made by this Grand Body, and would therefore condemn their Constitution and By-Laws as illegal.

The said Lodges, we believe, have not received any copies of Constitution from this Grand Body. We would therefore recommend, that each of their Rep-

resentatives be instructed to lay the Constitution before their Lodges, and point out to them their errors, especially in not acknowledging their submission or the authority of this Grand Lodge, and also of having their By-Laws conform to the Constitution provided.

We have also examined the Constitution of Forest City Lodge, No. 38, Gore Lodge, No. 34, and Ontario Lodge, No. 12, and find them correct, and would therefore move for their approval.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN BARR, *Chairman.*
E. W. DIXON,
HUGH MURRAY,
ROBERT FITZSIMMONS,
WM. H. NELSON.

The Committee on Mileage and per Diem submitted the following report, which was on motion adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West:

We, your Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, beg leave to submit the following report:

LODGES.		NO. MILES.	NO. REP.	AM'T MILEAGE	AM'T PER DIEM.	TOTAL.
Brock,	No. 9	556	3	$66 72	$9 00	$75 72
Ontario,	" 12	280	1	11 20	3 00	14 20
Union,	" 16	....	5	.....	15 00	15 00
Chatham,	" 29	326	1	13 04	3 00	16 04
Eureka,	" 30	216	1	8 64	3 00	11 64
Elgin,	" 32	242	1	9 68	3 00	12 68
Erie,	" 33	238	1	9 52	3 00	12 52
Gore,	" 34	136	1	5 44	3 00	8 44
Samaritan,	" 35	178	1	7 12	3 00	10 12
St. Mary's,	" 36	258	2	20 64	6 00	26 24
Imperial,	" 37	170	1	5 60	3 00	8 60
Forest City,	" 38	216	2	17 28	6 00	23 28
Rond Eau	" 40	351	1	14 04	3 00	17 04
		3167	17	$188 92	$63 00	$251 92

Thirteen Lodges represented.

The above is computed at 4 cents per mile: and one dollar and fifty cents per day—allowing two days for the session.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN KING,
RICHARD BOX, } *Committee.*
H. C. BINGHAM

The Committee on the State of the Order submitted the following report, which was on motion adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West.

Your Committee on the State of the Order beg to report, that the Committee fully concur in the report of the Grand Secretary, with reference to the present state and future prospects of the Order, as set forth in said report; and would recommend the approval and adoption of said report by this Grand Lodge.

Your Committee consider, that notwithstanding the small increase of Membership during the last year, owing, no doubt in a great measure, to the financial pressure that has affected every department of society, the present state of the Order is nevertheless satisfactory, and affords cheering prospects of continued prosperity and usefulness.

Your Committee would recommend, that this Grand Lodge concurs with the Grand Master, that some fitting testimonial be presented to the family of our late and much esteemed Bro., P. G. M., Thomas Reynolds.

Your Committee would also recommend, that the affairs of Rose Lodge, No. 28, be closed up if possible, and that a Committee be appointed for that purpose.

Your Committee regret that misunderstandings have occurred in some Lodges, in reference to the Constitution and By-laws, and would recommend that the Committee on Laws of Subordinates take the matter into consideration, and that so much of the Grand Master's report, as refers to Appeals, and to questions asked by different Lodges, be referred to the Committee on Appeals.

Your Committee would recommend, with regard to the permanent location of the Grand Lodge, that no permanent location be decided on at the present Session.

Your Committee would also recommend, that the Grand Secretary be allowed some remuneration for his valuable services as Secretary of this Grand Lodge.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. A. GLOVER, *Chairman.*
C. STEPHENS,
JOHN KING.

The Grand Treasurer submitted the following annual report which was on motion received and referred to the Finance Committee:

GRAND LODGE, CANADA WEST, I. O. O. F, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE GRAND TREASURER.

1859.		*Dr.*
Aug. 1.—	To paid Grand Lodge account, $12, do $2	$ 14 00
"	T. Partridge's account	14 00
"	J. Woodyatt's account $2, Grand Secretary's account $1.50	3 50
"	Grand Secretary for outside Guardian at Cobourg	2 00
"	Grand Secretary's account	4 59
"	Representatives' expenses to Grand Lodge—	
	Brock	28 08
	Union	71 40
	St. Mary's	16 52
	Forest City	36 40
	Samaritan	12 28
	Chatham	22 44
	Eureka	18 20
	Imperial	15 32
	Erie	18 68
	Elgin	19 56
	Gore	14 60
	Ontario	3 00
"	Postage, Telegraph, &c., to Grand Treasurer	0 69
"	Express charges on Proceedings and Digest	2 30
"	" Bound Copy	3 05
"	Post Office account to January $3.38; do to Aug. $5.10	8 48
"	W. L. Copeland's account for Paper	0 56
"	Leavenworth's account, $2; J. Seymour, do $4.50	6 50
"	Leavenworth's account for printing Proceedings	38 00
"	Express charges	1 75
"	Balance in Treasurer's hands	414 41
		$790 31

1859. CONTRA.		*Cr.*
By Cash on hand as per Report 1859	$456 50	
Amount of per centage paid by Subordinate Lodges to the Grand Lodge, for the Term ending 31st Dec., 1859. as per Grand Secretary's Report	139 75	
Amount received for Term ending 30th June, 1860, per Grand Secretary's Report	194 06	
		$790 31

WM. FITZSIMMONS,
Grand Treasurer.

St. Catharines, July 30, 1860.

Moved by Rep. Barr, and seconded by Rep. Nelson, that the error occurring in the amount paid to Rep. Bristol, in the report of the Committee on Mileage and per Diem at last Session, be referred to the Financial Committee for correction.—Carried.

The Committee on Finance submitted the following report which was on motion adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West :

We, your Committee appointed to examine the Financial Statements of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, and other accounts presented the Grand Lodge, beg leave to report, that we have examined the same and find them correct, and recommend the printing of the above mentioned Reports, and also recommend the payment to Samaritan Lodge of four dollars deficiency in payment of mileage last year. We find on deducting from the amount now in the Treasurer's hands the amounts probably required for Mileage and per Diem, and other necessary expenses for the ensuing year, that a balance of about $400 will remain, and recommend the investment of the same in some suitable way, in order to afford a revenue to this Grand Lodge.

All which is respectfully submitted,

H. C. BINGHAM, *Chairman.*
JOHN R. PEEL.
JOHN McLEAN.

Moved by Rep. E. W. Dixon, and seconded by Rep. Nelson, that that part of the Constitution referring to the Committee on Appeals, requiring one Representative from each jurisdiction on said Committee, be and is hereby expunged, and the following resolution be adopted in lieu thereof :—That five members do compose the Comittee on Appeals, three to form a quorum.—Carried.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned, to meet again at 2 o'clock P. M., at which time it was decided to go through the secret work of the Order.

The Grand Lodge met at 2 o'clock P. M., and opened in the Scarlet Degree.

The Grand Master announced that the election of Officers would be the first order of business.

Nominations were thereupon made as follows :

Bro. S. G. Dolson,.....for M. W. Grand Master.
Rep. John King,..... " R. W. D. G. Master.
" J. R. Peel & J. B. Ingamells,..... " R. W. Warden.
" H. C. Bingham & Wm. H. Read, " R. W. G. Secretary.
" Wm. Fitzsimmons,..... " R. W. G. Treasurer.

The elections were next proceeded with, and resulted as follows :

Bro. Samuel G. Dolson,.....M. W. Grand Master, by acc.
Rep. John King,..... .....R. W. D. G. Master, by acc.
" J. R. Peel,.....R. W. G. Warden by majority.
" Wm. H. Read,.....R. W. G. Secretary, "
Bro. Wm. Fitzsimmons,.....R.W.G.Treas. re-elected by ac.

The Grand Master was then duly installed, after which he announced the following appointments ;

Rep. W. A. Glover,.....W. G. Marshall.
" W. H. Nelson,.....W. G. Guardian.
" John Barr,.....W. G. Conductor.

At the request of the Grand Master, the Secret work of the Order was exemplified by T. Partridge, Grand Representative, and the degree of Rebecca conferred upon Reps. A. Macdonald and R. Fitzsimmons. The Past Official Degrees, together with the Grand Lodge Degree, were also conferred upon the following Past Grands, viz :

Stephen Jones, John McLean, E. S. Friesman, Richard Box, J. R. Peel, E. W. Dixon, John King, Robert Fitzsimmons, Wm. H. Read.

Moved by Rep. Bingham, and seconded by Rep. Peel, that the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to Union Lodge, No. 16, not only for the gratuitous use of their Lodge Room during our present session, but also for the very courteous reception and entertainment given us, both from their hands and hearts.—Carried.

Moved by Rep. E. W. Dixon, and seconded by Rep. Bingham, that the next meeting of this Grand Lodge be held at St. Thomas, on the first Wednesday in the month of August, A. D. 1861.—Carried.

Moved by Rep. E. W. Dixon, and seconded by Rep. J. R. Peel, that the sum of Thirty Dollars be paid to Grand Secretary Dolson for his past services.—Carried.

The Special Committee appointed to draft a Letter of Condolence to the widow of our late Bro., P. G., Winchester, submitted the following report, which was adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West, I. O. O. F.

Your Committee appointed to draft a Letter of Condolence to the widow of our late deceased Brother, Past Grand H. W. Winchester, beg leave to report the accompanying resolutions:

Whereas it has pleased Divine Providence to remove by death Bro. HORATIO W. WINCHESTER, P. G. and late Grand Representative to this Grand Lodge; therefore be it

Resolved,—That, in the death of our late Grand Representative, Horatio W. Winchester, the Order has sustained the loss of one who in all relations of its Brotherhood, by his virtuous antecedents, has given efficacy to the cherished principles of Friendship, Love and Truth.

Resolved,—That we sympathize with the Brotherhood in St. Catharines and with the relatives of the deceased, in the sorrows which this sad event has occasioned.

Resolved,—That in testimony of our respect and sympathy, these resolutions be printed upon the Journal of this body, and a copy of the same be transmitted to the family of the deceased by the Grand Secretary.

All which is most respectfully submitted.

WM. H. READ,
W. H. NELSON, } *Committee.*
A. C. DANA.

The Special Committee appointed to draft a Letter of Condolence to the widow of our late P. G. Master, Thomas Reynolds, M. D., submitted the following report :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West.

In accordance with the report of the Grand Master, and the recommendation of the Committee on the State of the Order, that a fitting Testimonial be presented to the family of our late Brother, P. G. M., Thomas Reynolds, M. D.: your Committee beg to report, that a letter of Condolence emanating from this Grand

Lodge, be presented to Mrs. Reynolds, accompanied by a copy of the Holy Scriptures, with an appropriate inscription, as a *memento* of the feelings entertained toward our departed Brother; and that our present P G. M., Grand Master, and Grand Secretary, be a Committee to carry the same into effect.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN KING, *Chairman.*
WM. FITZSIMMONS,
W. A. GLOVER.

On motion, this report was adopted, together with the following Letter of Condolence from the special Committee named in said report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West:—

Your Committee, to whom was referred the Letter of Condolence to Mrs. Thos. Reynolds, submit the following:

Whereas this Grand Lodge has learned with feelings of deep sorrow, the mournful intelligence of the decease of Bro. Thomas Reynolds, M. D., first Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada West: and whereas Bro. Reynolds may well be considered the pioneer of American Odd Fellowship in Canada West, he being one of the petitioners in 1855 to procure the charter for this Grand Lodge, was present at its origination and elected its first Grand Master, which office he filled for a succession of years with honor to the Fraternity and pleasure to himself. Ever modest and unassuming, he put on the garments of our Order and were them, a worthy example for us all, in his entire efforts to spread the cement of Brotherly love and affection. Be it therefore

Resolved,—That whilst we bow in humble submission to the dispensation of the Great Ruler of events, yet we cannot but express the regrets peculiar to our nature, at being deprived of the society, friendship and advice of one so devoted and faithful in the performance of his duties, as was P. G. M., Thomas Reynolds.

Resolved,—That whilst we regret the loss to the Order as a severe affliction, our own sorrows are almost hidden from sight, in contemplation of those sustained by those to whom he was united by so many nearer and dearer ties than those by which he was connected with us.

Resolved,—That we tender our heartfelt sympathies to the family of our deceased brother, and assure them that his memory will ever remain dear to us. That although some time has now elapsed since that melancholy event occurred, and your Committee do not feel disposed to awaken those feelings, which must in some measure be by this time composed and resigned to the Will of the Almighty: yet, from the high opinion we always entertained of him now gone to another and better sphere, this Grand Lodge cannot separate without reiterating its imperishable esteem for one whose talent and energy was so eminently devoted to render Odd Fellowship a blessing to the whole human family.

Resolved,—That a copy of the foregoing resolutions be forwarded to his widow, as a testimony of our deep-seated regard.

All which is fraternally submitted.

CHAUNCEY YALE, P. G. M.
SAMUEL G. DOLSON, G. M.
WM. H. READ, G. S.

Moved by. G. Rep., T. Partridge, and seconded by Rep. Murray, that the action of the M. W. Grand Master, in granting a Warrant for the institution of Rond Eau Lodge, No. 40, be and is hereby confirmed.

Moved by Grand Treasurer Wm. Fitzsimmons, and seconded by G. Rep. T. Partridge, that the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to our late Grand Master, Chauncey Yale, for his very efficient services while occupying the Chair.—Carried unanimously.

Moved by Rep. E. W. Dixon, and seconded by Rep. A. C. Dana, that twenty dollars be placed in the hands of the Committee on the letter of Condolence to the Widow of our late Bro. Thos. Reynolds, M. D., for a Bible to be presented to Mrs. Reynolds.

The accounts of the Grand Lodge of the United States, for Representative tax and Charge books, amounting in all to $80; and James

Henry's account for expenses incurred in visiting Rose Lodge, amounting to $10, were on motion, ordered to be paid.

The M. W. Grand Master, with the concurrence of the Grand Lodge, made the following appointments for District Deputy Grand Masters :

For Leeds and Grenville.—P. G., Robert Fitzsimmons, Brockville.
" *Lincoln and Welland.*—P. G., John R. Cook, St. Catharines.
" *Lambton, Kent and Essex.*—P. G., Calvin Stephens, Chatham.
" *Middlesex, Huron and Bruce.*—P. G., Wm. Skinner, London.
" *Northumberland, Durham, Peterborough and Victoria.*—A. Macdonald, Cobourg.
For Elgin East.—P. G., W. A. Glover, Port Burwell.
" *Elgin West.*—P. G., A. J. Allsworth, St. Thomas.
" *Brant and Haldimand.*—P. G., H. C. Bingham, Brantford.
" *Oxford.*—P. G., Abel Bristol, Ingersoll.
" *Perth.*—P. G., John McLean, St. Marys.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned, to meet again at the town of St. Thomas, on the first Wednesday in the month of August, A. D. 1861.

WM. H. READ,
Grand Secretary.

Seventh Annual Communication

HELD AT THE

TOWN OF ST. THOMAS AUGUST 7TH, 1861.

A Special Meeting of Elgin Lodge having been called for the purpose of receiving the Officers and Representatives of the Grand Lodge, and the same having been announced, admitted, and received in due form, the Noble Grand delivered the following address :—

Most Worthy Grand Master, Officers and Representatives of the Grand Lodge of Canada West :—

As the Noble Grand of Elgin Lodge, No 32, it affords me much pleasure to extend to you a welcome on this occasion ; and on behalf of this Lodge I tender you the free use of our Hall during the present Session.

That your intercourse may be conducive of great good to all Odd Fellows is my most hearty wish, and I hope nothing may occur to embarrass your actions, and that your first meeting with us, will serve,

by its energy and harmony, to stimulate us here to renewed life and determined exertions in the future.

In welcoming you among us in the Town of St. Thomas, I invite you, on behalf of my brethren here, to do us the honor of becoming the guests of Elgin Lodge at a public dinner to be given this evening, in honor of the Grand Lodge, in a room provided for the occasion by P. G., Bro. Laing.

In conclusion, may all our actions be so guarded as to increase those generous sentiments which should ever characterize an Order whose motto is,—"Friendship, Love and Truth."

The Grand Master, Samuel G. Dolson, being absent on account of sickness in his family, the Deputy Grand Master, John King, replied as follows :—

Noble Grand, Officers and Brethren of Elgin Lodge No. 32 :—

On behalf of the Grand Lodge of Canada West, in the absence of the Grand Master, I thank you for the courtesy you have manifested, in offering us the free use of your Hall for the present Session.

It affords us much pleasure to meet the Brothers of Elgin Lodge on this occasion, and we cordially accept the kind invitation you have extended to us, for the dinner this evening.

The Grand Master having taken the Chair proceeded to business by appointing Reps. Bingham, Box and Fitzsimmons, a *Committee on Credentials*, who, after due examination, submitted the following names of members entitled to seats as representatives to this Grand Lodge :

JAMES HUTCHESON, ROBERT FITZSIMMONS,	*Brock*	*Lodge,*	*No.*	9. *Brockville.*
C. YALE, E. S. FRIESMAN, F. HEALEY,	*Union*	"	"	16, *St.Catharines.*
JAMES MARQUAND,	*Chatham*	"	"	29, *Chatham.*
T. BROWN, R. WIGMORE,	*Eureka*	"	"	30, *London.*
A. WALTHEW,	*Elgin*	"	"	32, *St. Thomas.*
W. A. GLOVER,	*Erie*	"	"	33, *Port Burwell.*
H. C. BINGHAM,	*Gore*	"	"	34, *Brantford.*
R. BOX,	*St. Mary's*	"	"	36, *St. Marys.*
JOHN FINDLAY,	*Imperial*	"	"	37, *Burford.*
A. A. TOWNS,	*ForestCity*	"	"	38, *London.*
A. HUMPHREY,	*Rond Eau*	"	"	40, *Blenheim.*
HENRY SEWELL,	*Avon,*	"	"	41, *Stratford.*

On motion the Report on Credentials was adopted.

On call of Roll, the following Officers and Representatives answered to their names :

JOHN KING.....*M. W. Deputy Grand Master.*
J. R. PEEL.....*R. W. Grand Warden.*
WM. H. READ.....*R. W. Grand Secretary.*
W. A. GLOVER.....*R. W Grand Marshall.*
THOS. PARTRIDGE.....*R. W. Grand Rep. to United States.*

Representatives James Hutcheson, Robert Fitzsimmons, C. Yale, E. S. Freisman, T. Healey, James Marquand, T. Browne, R. Wigmore, A. Walthew, W. A. Glover, H. C. Bingham, R. Box, John Findlay, A. A. Towns, A. Humphrey, Henry Sewell.

The Deputy Grand Master then appointed G. Rep. Partridge, Warden, *pro tem.*, and Rep. Walthew, Guardian, when the various Officers having taken their respective stations, and the new Reps. and others not qualified having retired, he proceeded to open the Lodge in the Grand Lodge Degree, after which, all entitled were admitted and instructed in that Degree.

On motion of Rep. Yale, seconded by Rep. Box, the Lodge then closed in Grand Lodge Degree, and opened in the Scarlet Degree, for the benefit of all Scarlet Degree Brothers.

The reading of the Minutes of last Session of the Grand Lodge held at St. Catharines, was dispensed with, and on motion adopted as printed.

The Deputy Grand Master then appointed, with the approval of the Grand Lodge, the following Committees, viz :

On Returns.—Reps. H. C. Bingham, R. Box, Robt Fitzsimmons.

On Finance.—Reps. C. Yale, R. Wigmore, and W. A. Glover.

On Appeals.—Reps. E. S. Friesman, James Hutcheson and A. Walthew.

On Laws of Subordinates.—Reps. T. Healey, E. S. Friesman and John Findlay.

On Mileage and per Diem.—Reps. T. Browne, James Marquand and Henry Sewell.

On the State of the Order.—Reps. T. Healey, A. Humphrey and A. A. Towns.

On motion, the following Address of S. G. Dolson, M. W. Grand Master was read by the Grand Secretary as follows.

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West.

By the continued favor of the Grand Master of the Universe, we are once more permitted to meet in Annual Session, and it becomes the duty of each and every one of us, to return Him thanks for the many blessings and privileges we have enjoyed during the year that has just passed away.

It affords me much pleasure to meet the members and representatives of our Grand Lodge in this beautiful town, and I hope, while surrounded by the consecrated walls of this newly fitted up Lodge Room, our deliberations may be conducted in a spirit of harmony and brotherly love, and that the meeting of this Grand Lodge may produce something that will be beneficial to our jurisdiction, and our coming together at this time will not be altogether in vain.

The time has already come when the grand luminary of day, from the moment he leaps from the Atlantic wave, which lashes the rough coast of New England, till he laves his burning brow on the placid waters of the Pacific, ceases not to shine on and illumine the towers and minarets of the beautiful temples of Odd Fellowship ; and at these annual gatherings it becomes our duty to cast a retrospective glance at the past, and see if our Order is exercising that great and benevolent influence, which we, as its members, claim and desire.

During the forty-three years since we were first instituted on this Continent, through many vicissitudes has our brotherhood passed, and

how nobly has it out-rode every storm; how valiantly surmounted every difficulty, and how manfully met and discomfitted every foe. The hot blast of calumny has passed over it, but it remains unscathed; the fierce and relentless opposition of ignorance has essayed to overthrow our principles, but in vain; we have lived down all opposition, and find our Order still continues to disseminate the principles of Friendship, Love and Truth, to visit the sick, relieve the distressed, educate the orphan and bury the dead. What effect the disorganization now at work in the United States, will have upon our Order, it will be difficult for any one at present to foretell, but it is to be hoped that the lowering clouds which now overspread that nation, momentarily threatening to burst and scatter destruction and dissolution in their midst, will be speedily dispelled, and the time soon come when they shall beat their swords into plough-shares and their spears into pruning-hooks; when they shall not lift up sword against one another nor learn war any more.

An extract from the address of the Grand Master of the State of Indiana, may not here be inappropriate:

"The troubles which exist and threaten the disruption of our glorious Union, has given rise to numerous surmises in the minds of our Brethren as to the effects of these troubles on the unity of our Institution, and upon the perpetuity of the one Grand Legislative head of the Order as it now exists, composed of representatives from all the grand bodies on this Continent. The significancy of these questions at this time, and in view of future events, can neither be doubted nor evaded. Many anxious minds desire some alleviation of their fears for our unity, and some encouragement to their hopes that the Order may pass unscathed through this trying vicissitude. My counsel is that we do nothing and say nothing calculated to engender dissension or fruitless discussion in our now united and fraternal Order. Let the potsherd strive with the potsherds of the earth; but let us, as an Order, with all lowliness and meekness, with long suffering forbearing one another in love, endeavor to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace. Let us rely upon the freedom of our Institution and its principles from all political bias, upon its universal fraternity that would make us all under God, benefactors and all mankind objects of our benefaction and regard, to save our cherished Order from disruption and dissension. Though love of family, of party, or of country is a natural and beautiful sentiment and holds us to obligations of a peculiar character that should never be disregarded; yet we must not stop with these, we must not array them in direct conflict with other and more comprehensive duties. Let us never lose sight of what we teach respecting our benevolent enterprise, that all men are one family; that there is but one country, the earth; but one nation, the human family."

The limited field of the jurisdiction of our Grand Lodge has not furnished during the past year many topics on which it is necessary that I should address you. It seems to have been a year of rest, compared with other years, or the principles of Odd Fellowship are getting too well understood, and too rigidly practiced in the several lodges to call for the frequent interference of official authority, and it gives me much pleasure in stating that no interference on my part has been necessary during the past year, and I believe, for the first time in many years, there are no appeals before this grand body.

The report of our worthy Grand Secretary will give you full detailed information as to the condition of our Order in the various Lodges.

From the reports which I have received from the D. D. G. M.'s I find that the Order has not increased in numbers a great deal, but the financial condition of most of the Lodges appears to be better, which is very important to the existence of a Lodge. Ontario Lodge, I fear, will have to surrender from the mere want of energy among its members. In December last I received an application for a dispensation for a new Lodge to be located in the town of Stratford, and from the recommendations of Brother McLean, of St. Mary's, I granted the request, and it will be necessary for this Grand Lodge at this time either to confirm or set aside my action. In January last, while taking an official tour among the Lodges, I had much pleasure in proceeding to Stratford and instituting Avon Lodge, No. 41, which has since continued to work and their reports show that they have not been idle, and I here take the opportunity of returning thanks to those Brothers from London and St. Mary's, who were present on that evening, and also Brother Bingham, of Brantford, and the Grand Secretary; they all being good and efficient members, enabled me to conduct the whole proceedings in a becoming and satisfactory manner.

The official tour taken by me may appear to some to have been unnecessary, but it was a duty which I considered I was called upon to perform, which, however, I did not undertake until I had consulted all the D. D. G. M.'s in our jurisdiction, as to the propriety of such a visit; they all having approved of my intentions, I proceeded in January last and visited all the Lodges, excepting Brock and Ontario, and I must say that I found everything as well as could be expected. I had the pleasure of installing the officers of Forest City and Chatham Lodges in public, but would here recommend that, in future, public installations do not take place oftener than about once in five years. I went to Amherstburg and made an effort to revive Rose Lodge, and supposed I had succeeded, for nine members signed a petition requesting to be reorganized. I immediately granted the request, and installed their principal officers and left them, under the full conviction that they would work and try to make themselves into a prosperous Lodge as they once were, but I have not heard from them to this day, and I now believe that all future effort there will be in vain. The expenses connected with this visit will not draw very heavy on the receipts of this Grand Lodge, as they will be mostly met from the sale of blanks, which I furnished to the different Lodges for the purpose of introducing a uniform mode of working, realizing therefrom the sum of thirty-eight dollars, the printing of which cost eleven dollars and fifty cents.

Another great inducement I had for making the official visit was that I might personally present before each Lodge the necessity of disposing of the Charter question. I felt as though the funds of our Grand Lodge were not sufficient to allow any money to be taken from them for that purpose, and I am glad to say when it was properly laid before the Lodges, that they have liberally responded, and in most cases informing me if what they gave was not sufficient they were ready at any time to pay their share to make up the balance.

I have great pleasure in stating that Brother Peel furnished the design for Charter, which he freely and voluntarily offered to do, at the last session of our Grand Lodge, which was unanimously approved of by your committee. It certainly was a very beautiful design and highly spoken of by all who have seen it, and reflects great credit upon Brother Peel as an artist, and certainly must have cost him many hours of anxious thought and labor, and I was in hopes that this Grand Lodge

would be in a position to tender to Brother Peel some testimonial of their appreciation for his valuable services. From the moment I saw the design, I was more convinced of the necessity of making a personal appeal to the Lodges, in order that so beautiful a piece of workmanship might be properly lithographed, the whole cost of which will be $161.25, including expenses, &c., for which I have received from Lodges $127, making nearly enough to cover all without using the $50 appropriated by this Grand Lodge at the last session. The lithographed copies are now in the possession and at the disposal of this Grand Lodge, together with the estimates I received for the lithography and all communications connected therewith.

According to notice, a resolution will be in order at this meeting, altering our Constitution so as to allow lodges that choose to meet semi-monthly. My opinion is that it might be desirable in some localities, but I am sure it would not do for the Lodge of which I have the honor of being a member.

We will probably have a full report from our worthy Grand Representative, which may bring up some questions upon which it will be necessary for you to act, in order that your next representative may be prepared and enabled thereby to sustain your views. I believe there is a strong disposition to have the secret work somewhat changed, and a committee has been appointed for that purpose; in my opinion, a change, in some respects, would be beneficial, and fully believe that the matter is in competent hands to report on.

Permit me, in conclusion, to tender to the members of this Grand Lodge my sincere thanks for the honorable position they assigned to me one year ago, for I assure you it was with many misgivings and doubts in regard to my ability that I accepted the trust which was then confided in me, and in again resuming my position as a private in the ranks among you I shall labor with increased zeal, and be at all times ready and willing to advance the interest of our order, and thus may we all co-operate in the great mission of Odd Fellowship, and hasten the period when man shall hail his brother-man with fraternal greetings; when wickedness and falsehood shall be driven from the earth, and the race of Adam form a universal family, acknowledging the God of the Universe as their Father, and every child of man as a brother; when, in short, one law shall bind all nations, tongues and kindreds of the earth, and that law shall be the law of Universal Brotherhood.

"When no sigh, no murmur the wide world shall hear,
From every eye he wiped off every tear;
Peace o'er the world her olive wand extend,
And white robed innocence from Heaven descend."

SAMUEL G. DOLSON, *Grand Master.*

Rep. Bingham moved, seconded by Rep. Wigmore, that the Grand Master's Address be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

It was moved in amendment by Rep. Yale, seconded by Rep. Brown, that the address be referred to a Special Committee of three.

The vote being taken on the amendment was lost, and the original motion duly carried,

On motion, duly carried, the Grand Lodge then adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock, Thursday morning.

THURSDAY MORNING.

Lodge was opened in the Grand Lodge Degree, by Grand Master Dolson, for the instruction of new members.

The Roll being called, the following answered to their names, viz:

Grand Officers Dolson, King, Peel, Read, Glover, Walthew, and Partridge, and all the Representatives.

The Grand Master then appointed P. G. Skinner, of London, as Conductor, *pro tem.*

On motion the Lodge closed in the Grand Lodge Degree, and opened in the Scarlet Degree.

The Committee on Returns then submitted and moved the adoption of the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West I. O. O. F:

We, your Committee on Returns, having examined the various Lodge Returns, beg leave to report as follows:

The Returns of Forest City, Union, Gore, Samaritan, Chatham, Imperial, Eureka and Erie Lodges, are correct.

Avon Lodge reports no W. and O. Fund; St. Mary's is deficient in percentage 89cts; Ontario Lodge Report does not give names withdrawn.

Rond Eau Report for 1860 is without Seal.

Brock Lodge Report for 1860 is signed by current officers instead of Past Officers, and is without Lodge Seal; and the Report of same Lodge for June, 1861 does not give names of expelled members.

Elgin Lodge overpaid percentage $3.23.

Your Committee would recommend that the Grand Secretary insert hereafter in the Return Forms, before sending them out, the words *In good standing*, after the words *Past Grands*, and erase the word *Other*, and insert the word *Total* before the words *Members in good standing*; insert the word *General* before the words *Funds in Treasury*, interline or insert the words *W. and O. Fund in Treasury* at bottom of all reports; prefix the word *General* to the words *Funds in Treasury*, and annex the word *Invested*, to the words *W. and O. Fund*, in order that our statistical reports, when filled and published, may show exactly the amount, and position of each Fund. We further recommend that whenever new blanks are printed, the above alterations be properly made in them.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

H. C. BINGHAM,
RICHARD BOX,
ROBT. FITZIMMONS.

The question being to adopt, it was moved in amendment by Rep. Yale, seconded by Rep. Marquand, that the report be referred back, with instructions to report in a separate form, a new Blank Return, embodying the proposed alterations.

The question being taken on the amendment it was declared *lost.* The question then recurring to the adoption of the report, it was *carried.*

The Annual Report, Statistical Table, Receipts, &c., of the Grand Secretary, was next submitted and read as follows:

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West I. O. O. F.

BRETHREN,—Another year in Odd Fellowship having passed away, usage imposes upon me the duty of submitting to you a report, whereby you may be enabled to judge of the work and condition of the Lodges in our jurisdiction.

I have received the regular returns from all the Lodges in good season, excepting Ontario Lodge, which has, as yet, made no report for the term.

I have much pleasure in stating that a beautiful Bible, as a testimonial to the widow of our late P. G. M., Thomas Reynolds, was purchased by Grand Master Dolson, with the $20 appropriated by this Grand Lodge at its last Session, and the same was duly forwarded by me through Bro. Wm. Fitzsimmons to Mrs. Reynolds, together with the letter of Condolence, which was prefixed in the Bible as a fly-leaf.

She expressed herself highly pleased, and wished me to convey her sincere thanks to the Grand Lodge for so beautiful a gift; one which she should ever highly prize.

The reports from the several Lodges I have condensed into the following :—

STATISTICAL TABLE,

Abstract from the Semi-Annual Returns, for the year ending June 30, 1861.

LODGE.	No.	Initiated.	Rejected.	Admitted by Card.	Withdrawn by Card.	Suspended.	Expelled.	Reinstated.	Died.	Past Grands.	No. of Contributing Members.	Paid for sick benefits.	Paid for relief of Widows and Orphans.	Funeral Expenses.	Widow and Orphan Fund.	Degrees Conferred.
Brock.....	9	9	1	0	0	0	9	0	0	24	56	$ 3 00	$130	$15	$1324 00	38
Ontario.....	12	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	9	14	.....	....	..	270 42	—
Union	16	15	2	0	0	20	19	3	1	19	107	104 00	380	30	1980 53	49
Chatham ...	29	15	1	0	0	11	0	0	0	7	36	52 50	....	..	227 21½	33
Eureka.....	30	5	2	0	1	12	1	3	1	9	56	93 18½	....	40	779 15	10
Elgin	32	1	1	1	1	9	0	0	1	10	35	123 00	7	30	399 77	15
Erie.....	33	7	0	0	0	10	9	2	0	8	34	48 00	....	30	359 15	40
Gore	34	2	2	0	2	0	0	1	0	7	29	.....	68	..	475 00	13
Samaritan..	35	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	5	15	9 00	....	15	271 48	1
St. Mary's..	36	3	0	1	3	0	5	2	0	9	50	24 00	....	..	138 06	19
Imperial.....	37	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	7	18	8 00	....	20	123 00	6
Forest City.	38	8	0	0	3	17	0	2	0	6	32	13 00	....	..	313 03	26
Rond Eau..	40	8	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	32	.....	....	..	44 05	3
Avon	41	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	30	.....	....	..	.....	44
		105	10	2	14	79	43	13	4	123	544	477 68½	585	180	6704 85½	297

NOTE.—The Suspensions and Expulsions are mostly for non-payment of Dues.

RECEIPTS OF GRAND SECRETARY FOR THE YEAR ENDING AUG. 6TH, 1861.

Received from Union Lodge on Per Centage, Blanks and Odes.....$60 70
" St. Mary's " " " and Cards.. 26 52
" Forest City " " " " " 32 53

Received from	Gore Lodge	Per Centage,	Blanks and Odes		19 17
"	Elgin	"	"	"	21 45
"	Brock	"	"	"	23 54
"	Imperial	"			8 12
"	Eureka	"	Blanks Odes and Cards		29 03
"	Chatham	"	"	" "	28 04
"	Rond Eau	"	"	"	14 35
"	Erie	"	"	"	23 07
"	Samaritan	"	"	"	12 03
"	Ontario	"	"	"	2 80
"	Rose	"	Blanks, and Odes		2 50
"	Avon Lodge on Charter, Books, Blanks and Odes				72 63
"	P. G. McLean, for Digest				2 50
"	Gore Lodge as a Grant for New Charter				10 00
"	Samaritan	"	"		5 00
"	Forest City	"	"		10 00
"	Erie	"	"		7 00
"	Chatham	"	"		10 00
"	Rond Eau	"	"		5 00
"	Brock	"	"		12 00
"	Avon	"	"		10 00
"	Imperial	"	"		8 00
"	Eureka	"	"		10 00
"	Union	"	"		10 00
"	St. Mary's	"	"		20 00
"	Elgin	"	"		10 00
			Total		$505 98

By paid Grand Treasurer for year ending 6th of August, 1861.....$505 98

BRETHREN,—Before retiring from the office of Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge, permit me to return you thanks for the honor you conferred upon me in electing me to fill so important an office. Being only a young member in Odd Fellowship, I felt that I was incompetent to discharge such important duties in a satisfactory manner, and I trust that any irregularities on my part will be overlooked by you. With a fervent prayer to the Author of all good, that our present Session may be useful and harmonious, and that the future of our beloved Order may be bright and prosperous, I respectfully submit for your consideration the foregoing abstract of the past year's work.

WM. H. READ, *Grand Secretary.*

On motion of Rep. Towns, seconded by Rep. Glover, the Grand Secretary's report was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Rep. E. S. Friesman, from the Committee on Appeals, read the following Report, which was adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West I. O. O. F.:

We, your Committee on Appeals, to whom generally falls the most disagreeable and tedious business of the Grand Lodge, beg leave to report:

That we have made a most diligent, but very agreeable search, and can find nothing in the shape of an Appeal, requiring our attention,—not even a rumor of an appeal, and hope that our successors on this Committee may be able to report likewise for all time to come.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. S. FRIESMAN.
J. HUTCHESON.
A. WALTHEW.

The Grand Treasurer then presented his report which was, on motion, referred to the Committee on Finance:

To the R. W. the Grand Lodge of Canada West, I. O. O. F.:

WM. FITZSIMMONS, GRAND TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE R. W. GRAND LODGE OF CANADA WEST, I. O. O. F.

TO CASH RECEIVED.

1860.		
Aug. 1.	To balance as per Report of 1860	$414 41
1861.		
Aug. 6.	To received from Grand Secretary as ordinary revenue of Grand Lodge for year ending this day	378 98
"	" received from Grand Secretary on behalf of Subordinate Lodges for new Charters	127 00
	Total	$920 39

BY CASH PAID.

FROM AUGUST 1ST, 1860, TO AUGUST 6TH, 1861, INCLUSIVE.

By paid mileage and per diem of Reps. of Brock Lodge at St. Catharines	$ 75 72
" " " " Ontario Lodge	14 20
" " " " Union "	15 00
" " " " Chatham "	16 04
" " " " Eureka "	11 64
" " " " Elgin "	12 68
" " " " Erie "	12 52
" " " " Gore "	8 44
" " " " Samaritan "	10 12
" " " " St. Marys "	26 64
" " " " Imperial "	8 60
" " " " Forest City "	23 28
" " " " Rond Eau "	17 04
" James Henry, per W. H. Nelson, on account of visit to to Rose Lodge	16 00
" Abel Bristol deficiency of mileage attending Grand Lodge, 1859	4 00
" Grand Treasurer's account for money-order telegram and postage	1 63
" Grand Master Dolson as per resolution of G. L. for Bible for Mrs. Reynolds	20 00
" Grand Lodge United States account and Representative tax and exchange	80 80
" Express charges $1, do. do. $2, Stationery $1 07, and Postage accounts $10 54	14 71
" G. M., Dolson for supplies for Avon Lodge	9 43
" O. G. at St. Catharines per order of Grand Master	2 00
" Past Grand Sec. Dolson for past services in office	30 00
" Grand Master Dolson travelling expenses visiting Lodges	35 00
" For two Rebecca Books	2 00
" James Seymour printing proceedings, &c	33 00
" " " "	1 50
" Wm. L. Copeland & Co., Stationery	1 39
" H. F. Leavenworth, printing	11 50
" For Charter and incidental expenses of same	161 25
Total	$676 13
Balance in Treasurer's Hands	244 26
	$920 39

WM. FITZSIMMONS, *Grand Treasurer.*

The following Communication from the Grand Lodge of the United States, was read, and on motion placed on file :

I. O. O. F. OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY, R. W. GRAND LODGE OF UNITED STATES.

BALTIMORE, April 1st, 1861.

To Wm. H. Read, R. W. Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Canada West:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Pursuant to a resolution passed at the September session of the R. W. Grand Lodge of United States, I. O. O. F., held at the city of Nashville, State of Tennessee, directing the undersigned "to communicate to the several State Grand Bodies, in circular form, due notice of the amendment to the tenth article of the By-Laws, adopted at said session," I herewith have the honor to submit a copy of the said tenth By-Law as amended, and as now in force, and fraternally to request that the law be complied with.

Yours in Friendship, Love and Truth,

JAS. L. RIDGELY, G.-S.

BY-LAW GRAND LODGE OF UNITED STATES.

ARTICLE X.—Annual returns shall be made by each State, District or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment, in which they shall give the names of Grand Officers, number of Lodges, and the aggregate number of members in good standing in all Subordinate Lodges, and the aggregate number of Initiations, of reinstatements, rejections, suspensions and cause, expulsions and cause, admissions by card, withdrawals by card, of brothers relieved, of widowed families relieved, deaths, amount expended for relief of brothers, amount expended for education of orphans, amount paid for burying the dead, and the whole amount of receipts; forms for which shall be furnished by this Grand Lodge. Said returns shall be made to the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary at least one month previous to the annual meeting of this body, and shall be accompanied with the dues thereon, in money current at par in the place where the meeting of the body is held. *And in default of such returns being made and the dues thereon paid within ten days prior to the annual meeting of this body, the Representatives from such delinquent Grand Lodges or Grand Encampments shall not be admitted to a seat in such annual meeting.*

The Committee on Mileage and per Diem then made a report, which on motion of Rep. Box, seconded by Rep. Bingham, was referred back to await the report of the Committee on Finance.

The report of the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of United States for 1859 and 1860, was then submitted, and on motion of Rep. Sewell, seconded by Rep. Fitzsimmons, those parts referring to proposed amendments in the Constitution and By-laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States, were referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

On motion of Rep. Yale, seconded by Rep. Wigmore, Grand Master Dolson, Grand Secretary Read and Grand Rep. Partridge, were appointed a Committee to abridge the report of Grand Rep. Partridge, for printing in the Journal of Proceedings of this Grand Lodge.

Moved by Rep. Bingham, and seconded by Rep. Box, that in consequence of the disorganized condition of Political, Religious, Benevolent and Social Institutions of the United States, it becomes this Grand Lodge to act with more than ordinary caution in the payment of its regular per centage to the Grand Lodge of the United States, and that the same be not forwarded until perfectly assured that the executive officers, and those having control of the funds, and other effects of the Grand Lodge of the United States, have no sympathy with the proposed dismemberment of that Grand Body, and unless such assurance can be obtained sooner, that the per centage be placed in the hands of the Grand Representative to be paid over by him at the next regular meet-

ing of the Grand Lodge of the United States, when fully assured that our confidence will not be abused, nor our funds misappropriated.

Moved in amendment by Rep. Healey, and seconded by Rep. Friesman, that the motion proposed by Rep. Bingham, be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.—Carried.

The Grand Master, with the consent of the Grand Lodge, added name of Grand Representative Partridge, to the Committee on the State of the Order.

The Committee on Laws of Subordinates submitted the following report which was adopted and ordered fyled:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West I. O. O. F.:

We, your Committee on Laws of Subordinates, have carefully examined the Laws laid before us, and ask leave to report as follows:—

We condemn the Preamble and Article 1st of Constitution of Elgin Lodge, No. 32, and recommend the use of the Constitution for Subordinates, as adopted by this Grand Lodge.

We cannot recommend any alteration at present, in the proportion of regular receipts set apart for the W. and O. Fund, as the requisite notice of Amendment has not been given.

We recommend that the Amendments adopted by Imperial Lodge, No. 37, of its By-laws, changing the scale of Initiation and Degree fees, be sanctioned by this Grand Lodge.

Your Committee are also of the opinion that the application of Rond Eau Lodge, No 40, for a change in their night of meeting, from Friday to Saturday, should be granted.

All which is respectfully submitted.

T. HEALEY,
E. S. FRIESMAN,
JOHN FINDLAY.

On motion of Rep. Wigmore, seconded by Rep. Glover, the Grand Lodge adjourned for half an hour.

THURSDAY, 2½ O'CLOCK, P. M.

Grand Lodge met and opened in the Scarlet Degree. Officers and Representatives all present.

The Committee on Finance then submitted a report; which on motion was referred back, with instructions to include a report, upon the receipts and disbursements for *Charters*.

Rep. Box gave notice of a proposed amendment to the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, so as to combine the offices of Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary in one.

The Committee on the State of the Order submitted the following report which was adopted and ordered fyled:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West:—

Your Committee on the State of the Order, beg leave to report; that the Order in our jurisdiction remains about the same as one year ago. There has been a slight increase in membership, but quite a number of expulsions and suspensions for non-payment of dues.

We are of opinion that the cause of the small accessions to our numbers during the past year is to be attributed rather to the general financial depression through

which the country has passed during the past few years, than to any want of interest or dereliction of duty on the part of the Officers or Brothers of the Order in general.

Your Committee fully concur in the report of the Grand Secretary, in regard to the present state and future prospects of the Order, as set forth in said report, and would recommend the adoption of said report by this Grand Lodge.

In regard to a Resolution moved by Rep. Bingham, seconded by Rep. Box, and referred to your Committee on the State of the Order, relative to the sending of the regular percentage to the Grand Lodge of the United States; your Committee fully concur in the view set forth in said Resolution, and would recommend the adoption of the same.

In regard to the possible effect, that may result to our Order, from the present troubles in the United States; your Committee fully concur in that portion of the Grand Master's Address, which refers to this subject, and would recommend that the counsel there given be strictly adhered to.

In the report of the Committee on the State of the Order, at the last sitting of your Grand Body; your Committee find the following recommendation:

Viz: "Your Committee would also recommend, that the affairs of Rose Lodge, No. 28, be closed up if possible, and that a Committee be appointed for that purpose."

In regard to the above we would state, that subsequent to the recommendation of the Committee above referred to, an effort was made in January last, by our M. W. Grand Master, to re-organize said Lodge, which effort, he supposed had proved successful. Since which time, however, nothing has been heard of such Lodge. Your Committee are therefore of opinion, that all has been done in the premises, that can reasonably be expected, and we regret to say without avail

Your Committee would recommend, that the action of the Grand Master, in granting a dispensation to Avon Lodge, No. 41, be confirmed, and a Charter granted them.

In regard to the Charters now in possession of this Grand Lodge; your Committee would recommend that in consequence of the persevering efforts of Grand Master Dolson in obtaining them satisfactorily to this Grand Lodge, that he be allowed to fill the same, together with the Grand Secretary, and present to each Representative a copy of the Charter, for their respective Lodges.

With regard to a change in the secret work of the Order, as has been proposed by the Grand Lodge of the United States; your Committee not knowing wherein the change may consist, merely say, that, reposing full confidence in our Representative to that Body, we would allow him to use his own judgment on the question.

Your Committee feel that this Grand Lodge is deeply indebted to our respeced Brother Peel, of Eureka Lodge, for the very chaste and beautiful design furnished by him for our Charter; and would recommend that some suitable testimonial be presented to him, as an acknowledgment from this Grand Lodge, of his zeal for the good of the Order, as well as of his taste and skill as an artist.

Your Committee would also recommend, the Grand Secretary be allowed some remuneration for his valuable services during the past year, as Secretary of this Grand Lodge.

With regard to the amendments to the Constitution of the G. L. U. S., to be acted upon at its next session; we object to the adoption of No. 1, 2 and 3, as proposed. In regard to No. 3, we would recommend that the words *four-fifths*, be inserted instead of the word "*unanimous*." We would recommend the adoption of No. 4. No. 5, we would favor, in the event of No. 4 being adopted. No. 6, we would favor, excepting the second part of the clause, with regard to the meeting of Grand Officers every six months. No. 7, we would approve. No. 8, we would oppose. No. 9, we would favor, providing No. 4 is adopted. No. 10, we would approve.

Your Committee are happy to state, that from the able reports already laid before your Grand Body, nothing of present interest or future good of our beloved Order, is likely to be omitted or left undone during the present session of this Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

A. A. TOWNS, *Chairman.*
T. HEALY.
A. HUMPHREY.

On motion of Rep. Glover, seconded by Rep. Yale, the Committee on Mileage and per Diem, was instructed to compute the mileage at 8 cents per mile, and to give the estimate of mileage and per diem for Grand Officers, in a separate table.

Moved by Rep. Glover, seconded by Rep. Sewell, that Article IV, Section I, Clause I, of Constitution of Subordinates, be amended to read as follows, viz : This Lodge shall hold its meeting weekly, or semi-weekly, on such evening, and at such hour, as may be provided by its By-Laws ; provided always, that, as required by the Grand Lodge of the United States, twenty-six night's service, shall be required as the term of office.

Moved in amendment, by Rep. Box, seconded by Rep. Hutcheson, that Resolution of Rep. Glover, be laid over until the next session.

The question being taken on the amendment, it was declared *lost* ; when the question recurring on the original motion, it was declared *carried.*

Rep. Walthew gave notice of amendment of Article V, Section II, Clause IV, of Constitution of Subordinates, so that Subordinate Lodges may appropriate only one-tenth of all dues collected, to the W. and O. Fund, instead of one-third, as at present required.

On motion of Rep. Friesman, seconded by Rep. Fitzsimmons, it was resolved that a blank Charter, of which Grand Warden J. R. Peel was the designer, be presented to him, and that the Grand Master appoint a Committee of three, to obtain a suitable token of esteem and acknowledgment from this Grand Lodge, for the generous work and masterly design of Brother Peel.

The nomination and election of Officers being in order, the following nominations were made .

M. W. Grand Master.—Past Reps. King, Morgan and Bissell.
R. W. Deputy Grand Master.—Grand Warden J. R. Peel.
" Grand Warden.—Past Rep. John Collins.
" " Secretary.—Reps. Bingham and Wigmore.
" " Treasurer.—Reps. Brown and Box.
" " Representative, U. S., P. G. M., S. G. Dolson.

The election was next proceeded with, and Reps. Fitzsimmons and Bingham having been appointed Tellers, declared as follows :

M. W. Grand Master on 2d ballot—Wm. Bissell, London.
R. W. Deputy Grand Master by acclamation—J. R. Peel, London.
" Grand Warden, by acclamation—John Collins, Mt. Vernon.
" " Secretary, 1st ballot—H. C. Bingham, Brantford.
" " Treasurer, 1st ballot—Thomas Brown, London.
" " Representative, by acclamation—S. G. Dolson, St. Catharines.

Past Grand Master, S. G. Dolson, then installed the Officers elect into their respective offices, after which Grand Master Wm. Bissell announced the following appointments of officers, who were duly installed, viz :

Past Rep. Wm. Skinner, London.....W. Grand Marshall.
" A. Walthew, St. Thomas..... " Guardian.
" R. Box, St. Mary's..... " Conductor.

The following Brothers were then appointed by the Grand Master, as District Deputy Grand Masters.

For Leeds and Grenville.—Robert Fitzsimmons, Brockville.
" *Lincoln and Welland.*—James D. Tait, St. Catharines.
" *Lambton, Kent and Essex.*—James Marquand, Chatham.
" *Middlesex, Huron and Bruce.*—Wm. Skinner, London.
" *Elgin West.*—J. C. Lindop, St. Thomas.
" *Elgin East.*—W. A. Glover, Port Burwell.
" *Brant and Haldimand.*—James Woodyatt, Brantford.
" *Perth.*—John McLean, St. Marys.
" *Oxford.*—Abel Bristol, Ingersoll.

At the request of the Grand Master, Grand Representative T. Partridge proceeded to instruct those entitled in the Past Official Degrees.

Moved by Rep. Yale, and seconded by Rep. Browne, that the deficiency in the Charter Fund, be divided among the Subordinate Lodges equally, and that the respective Representatives of the several Lodges advance the amount due from each Lodge, viz., $2.64.

Moved in amendment by Rep. Bingham, seconded by Rep. Box, that, whereas, there is a deficiency in the contributions for payment of Charters, the whole cost of Charter be apportioned among the several Lodges according to their Representation, and that each Lodge be credited with the amount already contributed by it, and called upon for the deficiency, if there then be any due by said Lodge.

The question being taken on the amendment, and the Yeas and Nays being called for were taken as follows:

YEAS.—Bingham, Findlay, Browne, Towns, Wigmore, Walthew, Sewell, Marquand, Humphrey and Box.—10.

NAYS.—Yale, Friesman, Healy, Fitzsimmons and Hutcheson.—5.

The amendment being carried, the original motion was declared lost.

Rep. Yale, from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following final report which was adopted and ordered fyled.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West I. O. O. F.

We, your Committee appointed to examine the Financial Statement, Books and Vouchers of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, beg leave to report that we have examined the same and find them correct, and showing a balance now in the Treasurer's hands of $224.46.

The account of the Grand Lodge of the United States for Representative Tax	$75 00
And Charge Books, Cards, &c	21 00
Total	$96 00

We also find correct and recommend payment of same.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHAUNCEY YALE,
RICHD. WIGMORE,
W. A. GLOVER.

Rep. Browne from the Committee on Mileage and per Diem, submitted the following final report and tables:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West I. O. O. F.

We, your Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, beg leave to submit the following report for this Session:

LODGES.		NO. MILES.	NO. REP.	AM'T MILEAGE	AM'T PER DIEM.	TOTAL.
Brock,	No. 9	1348	2	$40 44	$6 00	$46 44
Union,	" 16	788	3	22 14	9 00	31 14
Chatham,	" 29	158	1	4 74	3 00	7 74
Eureka,	" 30	60	2	1 80	6 00	7 80
Elgin,	" 32	....	1	.....	3 00	3 00
Erie,	" 33	60	1	1 80	3 00	4 80
Gore,	" 34	142	1	4 26	3 00	7 26
St. Mary's,	" 36	70	1	2 10	3 00	5 10
Imperial,	" 37	144	1	4 32	3 00	7 32
Forest City,	" 38	30	1	0 90	3 00	3 90
Rond Eau	" 40	182	1	5 46	3 00	8 46
Avon	" 41	90	1	2 70	3 00	5 70
GRAND OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE.						
Grand Master.		246		7 38	3 00	10 38
Deputy Grand Master.		....		.....	3 00	3 00
Grand Warden.		30		0 90	3 00	3 90
Grand Secretary.		246		7 38	3 00	10 38
Grand Representative, U. S.		30		0 90	3 00	3 90
12 Lodges and 5 Grand Officers.		3574	16	$107 22	$63 00	$170 22

The above is computed at three cents per mile, and at one dollar and fifty cents per day, allowing two days for the Session.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOMAS BROWNE,
HENRY SEWELL,
JAMES MARQUAND.

On motion duly passed, the Report on Mileage and Per Diem was adopted and ordered fyled, and the Grand Secretary instructed to issue orders accordingly, on the Grand Treasurer, in favor of the Grand Officers and Representatives.

The Special Committee appointed to abridge the Report of the Grand Representative, reported their duty completed, and were duly discharged.

REPORT OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVE,

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West I. O. O. F.:

The undersigned, your Representative to the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States of America, would respectfully submit the following report of the proceedings of that body during his term of office. On the nineteenth day of September, 1859, I attended the Annual Communication held at the City of Baltimore.

By reference to the Grand Secretary's Report, I am informed that there were then, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, thirty-nine State and Territorial Grand Lodges, three thousand four hundred and twenty-five Subordinates, with a membership of one hundred and seventy-seven thousand seven hundred and

eleven, which shows an increase during the past year of thirty-five Subordinate Lodges, and one thousand and eleven members.

By the same Report I find that there was, during the same year, eighteen thousand one hundred and thirty brothers relieved; two thousand six hundred and ninety-seven widowed families assisted,—$300,359.15 paid for the relief of brothers, $51,454.00 paid to widowed families, $18,555.72 for the education of Orphans, and $35,227.74 expended in burying the dead.

The decisions made by the Most Worthy Grand Sire during the recess of the Grand Lodge, and confirmed by that body at the Session of 1859, were as follows:

When the holder of a Withdrawal card has, within a few months after its use, deposited the same in, and thereby become a member of another Lodge, the Lodge issuing such card has no right to annul it.

That it is competent for a State Grand Lodge to prescribe a By-law, that all applications for Visiting and Withdrawal cards, must be in person or in writing.

It is not competent for a Lodge or an Encampment to try a deceased member or deprive his widow of the benefits allowed by the laws, her husband having been beneficial, and not under charge at the time of his decease.

If under the law authorizing public installations, any controversy arise between the Elective Grand Officer and a District Deputy Grand Master, as to which shall conduct such installation, the Elective Grand Officer, being superior in rank, shall have precedence.

The following decisions of the Grand Sire were reversed:—When a brother, living remote from his Lodge, sends to its Treasurer instead of its Secretary, his dues, and said Treasurer fails at next meeting of the Lodge to report the payment of the same, and before another meeting the brother dies, this Lodge cannot withhold the funeral benefits authorized by law, the Treasurer reporting and paying such dues to the Lodge at said second meeting. The Treasurer is an agent of his Lodge, and the proper custodian of its funds, and to refuse benefits under such circumstances, would not be consistent with the just and liberal spirit of our laws.

The Grand Lodge decided that when the law of the Lodge required payment of dues to the Secretary, a payment made to the Treasurer, who withholds it, does not bind the Lodge.

The following decisions were made by the Grand Lodge upon reports of Committees, to whom the subjects were referred. That when local laws require a majority of two-thirds present to be necessary to expel, that member excused from voting must be counted as present, and in fact as voting in the negative.

That when the By-laws of a Lodge limit the Candidates on a second ballot to the two highest on the first ballot, all votes cast for other Candidates on the second ballot are void.

That a Grand Lodge is not liable for the indebtedness of one of its defunct Subordinates, arising out of advances made by a Lodge in a Sister jurisdiction to one of its sick members, unless it appears that assets sufficient to discharge the debt belonging to the defunct Lodge, come into the Treasury of the Grand Lodge.

That when a brother without the term pass-word shall apply for admission to his own Lodge, the Noble Grand shall, after he has been satisfied of the good standing of the brother, direct his admission.

None of the proposed amendments to the Constitution were adopted.

I also attended the Session for 1860, which commenced its sittings in the city of Nashville, Tennessee, on the 17th September. The M. W. Grand Sire was not present, and the chair was filled during the session by the R. W. Deputy Grand Sire, Edward H. Fitzhugh, of Virginia. The debates were unusually lively, contested, and extended, and brought out, in full relief, the promptness, the perspicacity, firmness and courtesy which distinguished the presiding officer.

DECISIONS MADE.

The following decisions, applicable to the branch of the Order which I represent, were made :

Where the Degrees are conferred by a regular Degree Lodge, separate from the Subordinates, the application of the brother desiring the degree must be acted upon in his Subordinate Lodge by such members only as have taken the degree applied for. If the application is granted, a certificate of the fact is given to the applicant, which certificate being presented to the Degree Lodge, authorizes it to confer the degree.

It is not legal to ballot upon the application to have the Rebekah Degree conferred upon brothers' wives when objections are made. The Degree of Rebekah is conferred on the wives of scarlet members in good standing, as a matter of course.

It is not competent for a Subordinate Encampment, or Lodge, to insert in its Constitution a provision that a member who may draw a final card, shall have the privilege of depositing the same in said Lodge within a specified time, by a simple vote of the Lodge, instead of a ballot vote, as in the case of initiating members. The laws of the Order clearly provide *the way* in which a person may regain membership upon card, and a Lodge granting a final card has no more power to depart from that *way* when the person holding that card seeks to reunite with said Lodge, than upon the application of a stranger. But persons who, from no fault of their own, are illegally initiated, cannot be discharged from membership for that reason, but are entitled to all the rights enjoyed by other members of similar rank; and the same rule governs the case of an unworthy person, who may have been inadvertently admitted.—*Digest* 307, *Section* 17,

The above decisions were made by the R. W. Grand Lodge upon reports of the Committee on the State of the Order, upon decision of the M. W. Grand Sire, made during the recess of the Grand Lodge.

The following decisions, reported by the Committee on the State of the Order were adopted :

The presiding or sitting N. G. of a Subordinate Lodge has no right to sign an annual or semi-annual report returning himself as a Past Grand, he not having previously passed the Noble Grand's Chair.

Officers of Subordinate Lodges may confer the degree of Rebekah upon widows of Odd Fellows in good standing, after application in open Lodge.

The certificate of either the Recording Secretary or the Permanent or Financial Secretary of a Subordinate Lodge, under the seal of the Lodge, of the standing, etc., of a member thereof, is sufficient evidence for an Encampment to act upon—but the local legislation may make it exclusively the duty of either Secretary.

The following decisions of the Committee of Appeals were adopted:

No person, on being admitted to membership in this Order, thereby loses any rights he had in possession as a citizen. His right to protection by the civil authorities is not impaired by becoming an Odd

Fellow—the laws of the land and the courts which administer them, are the surest and most proper means by which justice can be attained; especially is this so in regard to civil contracts, frequently involving, as they do, long, intricate and conflicting accounts; requiring close and patient scrutiny, and impartial investigation. This class of questions of difference should always be submitted to the legal institutions of the land, rather than be attempted to be adjudicated by any authorities within the Order.

This was a case in which a brother refused to permit his Lodge to interefere with his pecuniary transactions with another brother, and for that reason was expelled for contempt. He was restored to membership.—*Appeal of P. G. Catlin.*

The Order does not, in every case, recognize the "legal representatives" of a brother deceased, as entitled to his benefits.—*Appeal of P. G. Adams.*

The Treasurer of a Subordinate Lodge became pecuniarly involved by the accidents of business; he informed his Lodge of the fact, and made security to them which they accepted as satisfactory, and released his sureties. It then became unlawful to prefer charges against the delinquent brother for appropriating the funds of the Lodge to his own use.—*Appeal of P. G. Seaman.*

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS.

Rep. Kennedy, of Southern New York, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Legislative Committee be instructed to report such action, if any is required, to enable the Grand Secretaries of Grand Lodges to issue proper certificates to members of defunct Lodges, who are in good standing, to enable them to make application for membership in another Lodge.

The Legislative Committee having considered the subject matter, reported the following resolution, which was adopted.

Resolved, that the resolution adopted by this Grand Lodge, to be found on page 3134 of the Revised Journal of the Annual Session of 1859, having reference to the authentication of all certificates and cards issued by the State Grand Officers and Officers of all Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, shall not be construed to apply to certificates signed by Grand Officers of State Jurisdictions to members of defunct Lodges, as heretofore provided.

On motion of Rep. Veitch, of Missouri, the Lodge adopted the following amendment proposed by him to Article X of the By-Laws, as follows:

Amend Article X of the By-Laws by adding thereto as follows: "And in default of such return being made and the dues thereon paid within ten days prior to the annual meeting of this body, the Representatives from such delinquent Grand Lodges or Encampments shall not be admitted to a seat in such annual meeting."

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, that a Committee of three be appointed to report to the next session of this body a revision of the secret work of the Order, having in view the various suggestions to that effect submitted to this Grand Lodge at this and previous sessions.

Reps. Stuart, of the District of Columbia, Dwinelle, of Northern New York, and Nicholson, of Pennsylvania, were appointed such Committee.

Resolved, That the Committee to whom was referred the subject of revising the work of the five degrees, be directed to enquire and report upon the propriety or expediency of incorporating into the instructions required to be given in confer-

ring degrees, the several emblems of our Order, and give emblems such a fixed language.

The following were unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due and are hereby tendered to the Grand Sire, Samuel Craighead, for the very able, courteous, and impartial manner in which he has performed the very arduous and responsible duties of his office.

Resolved, that P. G. Sire Samuel Craighead be requested to sit for his portrait, to be placed in the Hall of this Grand Lodge, and that the expenses incurred for the same be paid from the treasury of this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, that the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due and they are hereby tendered to R. W. D. Grand Sire Fitzhugh, for the very able, courteous, dignified and impartial manner in which he has discharged the unusually arduous duties of the Grand Sire during the present term.

Resolved, that in consideration of these services, and of the services heretofore rendered this Grand Lodge, in all the departments of duty which he has been called upon to discharge and fill, the Grand Lodge recognize a debt of obligation, which they propose in part to discharge by tendering this acknowledgment; and the additional request, that he consent to sit for his portrait, to embellish our Grand Lodge; and that an engraved likeness be made to be inserted in the bound Journal, and that the Grand Secretary have the same carried into effect.

The following propositions for the amendment of the Constitution of the R. W. Grand Lodge, are pending for action at the next session :

By Rep. Prall, of Northern New York, seconded by Rep. White, of Northern New York. Rep. Taylor, of Pennsylvania, Rep. Hunt, of Texas, Rep. Garwood, of California, Rep. Veitch, of Missouri, and Rep. Clark, of Vermont.

Amend Article XIV, Clause 2 of the Constitution, by striking out the words "seventy-five" and inserting "twenty."

Proposed by Rep. Kennedy, of Southern New York, seconded by Reps. Dwinelle, of Northern New York, Escaville, of Maryland, and Starr of Illinois.

Amend the Second Section of the Ninth Article of the Constitution so that it shall read as follows:

"SECTION 2. Every State, District, Territorial or Colonial Grand Lodge, or Grand Encampment, having under its jurisdiction one thousand or less members in good standing, shall be entitled to one vote in the Grand Lodge; every State, District, Territorial or Colonial Grand Lodge, or Grand Encampment, having under its jurisdiction over one thousand members in good standing, shall be entitled to two votes; and no State, District, Territorial or Colonial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment, shall have more than one Grand Representative at the same time ; provided, however, that any Grand Lodge, or Grand Encampment, shall be entitled to as many Grand Representatives as it may have votes, on assuming the payment of the Mileage and Per Diem of the additional Grand Representatives."

Proposed by Rep. Thayer, of South Carolina, seconded by Reps. Lamberton, of Pennsylvania, Granniss, of Georgia, Burnham, of Maine, Krogman, of Massachussetts, and Dwinelle, of Northern New York.

Amend Article XII of the Constitution to read :

1. This Grand Lodge shall meet biennally on the third Monday of September, at 9 o'clock, a. m., at such place as the Grand Lodge shall from time to time determine. It may also meet on its own adjournments. It may also meet on the calls of the Grand Sire, of which the Grand Sire shall cause three months' notice to be given to the Representatives of the several State, District, Territorial and Colonial

Grand Bodies, communicating to them the purpose for which the special meeting is called; and in no case shall any business be transacted at a special meeting, unless notice thereof has been given as above provided.

2. During the time intervening between the biennial sessions, there shall be a committee, of the Grand Sire, the Deputy Grand Sire, the Grand Secretary, and the Committee on Appeals appointed at the last preceding session, to whom appeals and applications for charters may be made, or any other business referred, not affecting the finance of the Grand Lodge, nor being of a legislative nature. Said committee shall hold semi-annual sessions, their actions being always subject to confirmation or reversal by the Grand Lodge at its next session.

3. Article IX and other Articles of the Constitution are hereby ordered to be formed in phraseology, so as not to conflict with this.

Both of these propositions were pending and acted upon at the session just past. The Grand Lodge patiently devoted a whole legislative day to their discussion in Committee of the Whole. It is conceded that some alteration of the Constitution is imperatively demanded by the present and prospective condition of the finances of the Grand Lodge, which cannot now or hereafter sustain the present representation with an annual session.

The Grand Lodge received, at the hands of the city authorities of the city of Nashville, a public reception at the Capitol of the State, which was worthy the reputation of that city for a genial and graceful hospitality. The sessions of the Grand Lodge were held in the hall of the House of Representatives, by invitation of that body. The Grand Lodge also visited in a body the residence of the late President James K. Polk, by invitation of Mrs. Polk, and were entertained by her with her accustomed grace and urbanity. They also, by invitation of the Odd Fellows of Nashville, visited the Hermitage, and tomb of Andrew Jackson, where a chair was presented to them, and some special exercises had, which are explained by the following resolutions:

On motion of Past Grand Sire, John A. Kennedy, the Grand Lodge

Resolved, That the hickory arm chair presented through the M. W. Grand Sire, be accepted, and that the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be instructed to have the following inscription placed, in a permanent form, on the chair: "Presented at the Hermitage to the Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F., by Grand Rep. H. K. Walker, of Tennessee, on behalf of Dr. John Marshall Lawrence, a member of the family of the late Andrew Jackson, who constructed the chair with hickory withes grown upon the Hermitage estate, Nashville, September 20, 1860."

Rep. Mills, of Kentucky, moved the following resolutions, which were adopted:

Resolved, unanimously, That this Grand Lodge hereby express the great pleasure derived from our visit to Mrs. James K. Polk, and tender to that estimable lady our unfeigned thanks for her very elegant, courteous and hospitable reception of this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, unanimously, That the Grand Lodge of the United States fully appreciates the kind endeavors of the members of the Order in Nashville, to contribute to our comfort whilst in that city, and the efforts they have made to this end shall be remembered with pleasure and gratitude.

Resolved, That our honorable reception at the State Capitol, our visit to Mrs. James K. Polk, and our excursion to the Hermitage, are worthy of special remembrance, and will be cherished by us as amongst the most pleasant incidents of our lives.

Resolved, That the presentation of the hickory chair, at the Hermitage, by Dr. J. M. Lawrence, is peculiarly calculated to excite our admiration and our

pride, and we rejoice to have such a memorial from the home of the illustrious soldier, statesman and patriot, Andrew Jackson, intrusted to our hands.

Resolved, That the above resolutions, together with the resolution offered by Rep. Kennedy, of Southern New York, in reference to the inscription to be placed on the chair, be published in the papers of this city.

Rep. Shinkle, of Kentucky, on behalf of Olive Branch Encampment, No. 6, of Kentucky, presented a gavel to the Grand Lodge of the United States, made of ash wood, obtained at the home of the late Hon. Henry Clay.

On motion of Rep. Strong, of Mississippi, it was

Resolved, That the gavel presented to this Grand Lodge by Olive Branch Encampment, No. 6, of Kentucky, be accepted, and that the thanks of this Grand Lodge be returned to Olive Branch Encampment for the same.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing two years, and duly installed :

M. W. Grand Sire.—R. B. Boylston, of South Carolina.
R. W. Deputy Grand Sire.—Milton Herndon, of Indiana.
Grand Rec. and Cor. Secretary.—James L. Ridgely, of Maryland.
R. W. Grand Treasurer.—Joshua Vansant, of Maryland.

The following by-law was adopted by the R. W. Grand Lodge :

Any propositions offered for reference to any Standing Committee of this Body,, which shall require an entry in full upon the journal, shall be submitted in duplicate, either in print or manuscript ; if in writing they shall be on paper not less in size than half a page of foolscap.

A resolution substantially the same was adopted on the first day of the session, and the business of the session was transacted under it. It enables the Grand Secretary to send to its appropriate Committee at once, everything which is referred by the Grand Lodge ; it protects him from annoyance, and from the loss of papers and documents.

Resolved, that the following matters be referred to the several Grand Jurisdictions for their consideration, and that they be requested to report their conclusions to this R. W. Grand Body at the next annual Communication :

I.—The abolishment of the mileage and per diem to Grand Representatives.
II.—The reduction of the present Representative tax of seventy-five dollars, to its former amount, of twenty dollars for each Representative.
III.—Supplies, such as Cards, books, odes, etc., be furnished to Grand Bodies and Subordinates at cost price.
IV.—All deficiency in revenue to be yearly assessed upon the membership of the respective Grand Bodies.

In conclusion, I have in every respect endeavored to advance your interests, but in consequence of a custom of the Grand Lodge, of appointing only those Representatives who have for years occupied seats in said Grand Lodge, on Committees of any importance, I was unable to bring the same amount of influence to bear, I could wish. In closing the report of my stewardship, allow me kindly to thank the members of this Grand Body, for placing me in the position I have occupied, and hope that no act of mine has caused any member to regret the confidence they have bestowed.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

THOMAS PARTRIDGE,
Grand Representative.

In compliance with the resolution of the Grand Lodge, moved by Rep. Friesman, the Grand Master appointed, P. G. M. Yale, P. G. M.

Dolson and P. G. Secretary Read, a Special Committee, to procure a suitable Testimonial for Deputy Grand Master Peel.

On motion of Rep. Browne, seconded by Rep. Findlay, the several Lodges, were instructed to return their original dispensations, as soon as possible, after the receipt of the new charters.

On motion, duly passed, the New Charter, signed by S. G. Dolson, as Grand Master, and W. H. Read, as Grand Secretary, was then presented to the Representatives of each of the following Lodges—Avon, Brock, Chatham, Eureka, Elgin, Erie, Forest City, Gore, Imperial, Rond Eau, St. Mary's and Union, and one sent to Samaritan Lodge.

On motion of Rep. Fitzsimmons, seconded by Rep. Hutcheson, the Bonds of the Past Grand Treasurer Wm. Fitzsimmons, were duly cancelled, he having paid over all the funds in his possession, belonging to this Grand Lodge.

On motion, duly passed, the Grand Secretary was instructed to issue an Order on the Grand Treasurer, in favor of the Outside Guardian for $2 for services.

On motion of Rep. Yale, seconded by Rep. Hutcheson, the hearty thanks of the Representatives and Members of this Grand Lodge, were tendered to the Past Officers, and especially to Past Grand Master Dolson and Past Grand Secretary Read, whose duties have been arduous indeed, for the uniform courtesy and zeal with which they have performed the duties assigned them.

Moved by Rep. Bingham, seconded by Rep. Sewell, and

Resolved, that we, the Members of the Grand Lodge of Canada West, in Grand Lodge assembled, extend to the Brethren of Elgin Lodge, No. 32, of St. Thomas, our unanimous thanks, for the very cordial welcome and entertainment we have received from them, in the gratuitous use of their Lodge Room, and the table of luxuries provided for us by them, on the occasion of our visit to this place ; and that we most heartily wish for them, that they may be as fortunate in the welcomes they receive everywhere through life, as we have been among them ; and that the Grand Secretary be instructed to remit a copy of this resolution, to the Secretary of Elgin Lodge.

Moved by Rep. Marquand, seconded by Rep. Friesman, and

Resolved, that this Grand Lodge do now adjourn, to meet at the town of Chatham, on the first Wednesday in August, 1862, at the hour of 9 o'clock, A. M., punctually.

H. C. BINGHAM,
R. W. Grand Secretary,

Eighth Annual Communication

HELD AT THE

TOWN OF CHATHAM, AUGUST 6TH, 1862.

The officers and members of Chatham Lodge being assembled in Special Session, the officers and representatives of the Grand Lodge were received and welcomed by them in due form; the N. G. then tendered the use of the hall for the purposes of the Session, and invited the officers and members of the Grand Lodge to become the guests of Chatham Lodge, at a dinner to be given in honor of the Grand Lodge this evening.

The M. W. Grand Master on behalf of the Grand Lodge, acknowledged the compliment and accepted the invitation.

The Grand Lodge was then opened in regular form, in the Grand Lodge Degree, and the following officers and representatives answered to their names:

WM. BISSELL	*M. W. Grand Master.*
J. R. PEEL	*R. W. Deputy Grand Master.*
JOHN COLLINS	" *Grand Warden.*
H. C. BINGHAM	" " *Secretary.*
S. G. DOLSON	" " *Representative.*

James D. Tait,	-	Union Lodge, No. 16.
Wm. H. Read,	-	
G. W. Huson,	-	Chatham " " 29,
James Woodyatt		Gore " " 34.
John Findlay.	-	Imperial " " 37.
A. Humphrey,	-	Rond Eau " " 40.
Henry Sewell,	-	Avon " " 41.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed P. G. Rep. Partridge, Reps. Read and Findlay, a Committee on Credentials, who submitted the following report and resolution, which were adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West I. O. O F.:

Your Committee after a careful examination, find the Credentials of the following named brethren duly formed and attested as representatives from their respective Lodges, and recommend their admission to seats in this Grand Lodge viz:—

JOHN TAYLOR, JR.	*Brock*	*Lodge*	*No.*	9.
JAMES D. TAIT	*Union*	"	"	16.
WM. H. READ				
G. W. HUSON	*Chatham*	"	"	29.
R. KIRKPATRICK	*Eureka*	"	"	30.
G. POWELL				
C. WARREN	*Erie*	"	"	33.
JAMES WOODYATT	*Gore*	"	"	34.
ABEL BRISTOL	*Samaritan*	"	"	35.
J. HARRISON	*St. Marys*	"	"	36.
JOHN FINDLAY	*Imperial*	"	"	37.
JAMES SMITH	*Forest City*	"	"	38.
ALBERT HUMPHREY	*Rond Eau*	"	"	40.
HENRY SEWELL	*Avon*	"	"	41.

In conclusion your Committee move the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That the foregoing report and recommendation be adopted.

T. PARTRIDGE,
J. FINDLAY,
WM. H. READ.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed P. G. Rep., T. Partridge Grand Marshall, *pro tem.*, and P. G., R. Wigmore, Grand Conductor, *pro tem.*

The minutes of last meeting at St. Thomas, were, on motion of Rep. Findlay, adopted as printed.

Visiting brothers from Michigan, Charles Brady and James C. Melick, were announced, and after examination admitted and introduced.

The following Brothers were then admitted as Representatives, and instructed in the Grand Lodge Degree, by Grand Representative Samuel G. Dolson, viz :

JOHN TAYLOR	*Brock*	*Lodge*	*No.*	9.
R. KIRKPATRICK	*Eureka*	"	"	30.
G. POWELL				
C. WARREN	*Erie*	"	"	33.
J. HARRISON	*St. Mary's*	"	"	36.
JAMES SMITH	*Forest City*	"	"	38.

The following Past Grands were also admitted and instructed in the same Degree, in accordance with a recommendation of the Committee on Credentials, viz :

JAMES G. CRAWFORD.....Forest City Lodge, No. 38.
J. C. JACKSON.....Rond Eau " " 40.

The Lodge was then closed in the G. L. Degree, and opened in the Scarlet Degree.

The Grand Master appointed the following regular Committees, viz :

On Returns.—H. Sewell, James Smith and C. Warren.

On Appeals.—J. Harrison, G. Powell, R. Kirkpatrick, James Smith and A. Humphrey.

On Finance.—Jas. Woodyatt, A. Humphrey, G. W. Huson and C. Warren.

On Laws of Subordinates.—Jno. Taylor, Jas. D. Tait G. W. Huson, R. Kirkpatrick and James Woodyatt.

On Mileage and per Diem.—Jas. Smith, J. D. Tait and G. Powell.

On State of the Order.—Jas. Smith, Jas. Woodyatt, W. H. Read and J. Findlay.

The M. W. Grand Master submitted the following report :

GRAND MASTER'S REPORT.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West :

Officers and Brethren,—We have again assembled together to legislate for the progress and lawful working of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows, in Canada West, and for the interchange of friendly sentiment, that will promote the advancement and general interest of our beloved Order.

Thank God, another year has passed without any serious disaster to ourselves, or the Order under whose Banner we hail.

Here your Grand Master would request you to unite together in peace and good-will to all mankind, and especially our great Brotherhood, and to war only against vice, in all its forms; to obey the mandates of our Order; to succor our distressed brethren; to watch over and protect their orphans, and to wipe away the tear from that once happy wife, but now disconsolate widow.

It gives me great pleasure to meet so many familiar faces, who have stood firm through the trials of adversity, and stand as pillars in our great moral association, and likewise some new faces, who look as if the Jewels of our Order would not tarnish in their hands.

Much praise is due to our Worthy Grand Secretary for the whole-souled interest he has manifested in advancing the cause of our Order among us.

I would commend to your notice the Reports of D. D. G. Masters Woodyatt and McLean, who have been up and doing in the good work, and by whose exertions, two bright links have been added to the chain of Odd-Fellowship in our jurisdiction.

I regret exceedingly the disturbed and warlike spirit that now prevails to such an alarming extent between the Northern and Southern sections of our neighboring Republic. God grant that the spirit of peace and good-will may ever prevail in Canada, our beloved country. May we live up to and cherish the principles of our Order, and retire in a good old age to where no bloody battles will be fought, or malice arrows hurled, but purple waves of living thought surge through the angel world, and the widow's wail, the orphans's cry are changed to songs of praise.

During the recess, dispensations have been issued for three Subordinate Lodges, viz : first, Simcoe, second, Thames, and the third for Hamilton, which last has not been organized as yet. The two first are respectfully submitted for your approval and confirmation.

From my correspondence with the Grand Secretary, I learn that in the village of Ayr, active preparations are being made for the organization of a Lodge of our Order, with a fair prospect for the future.

Brothers, we should all unite in giving encouragement to the daughters of Rebekah, for women in past ages, having almost invariably laid the foundation for great enterprise and great reforms. Then let us multiply her social advantages, enhance her dignity, minister to her intelligence, and by manly gentleness be the champions of her genius, the friends of her fortunes, and the equal, *if you can*, of her heart.

An application was made to me by the N. G. of Olive Branch Lodge of Detroit, Mich., to allow a certain party residing in the Village

of Windsor, C. W., desirous of joining the Order, to connect himself with Olive Branch Lodge, inasmuch as our nearest Lodge was situated some fifty miles distant. I felt much pleasure in granting the necessary permission, and hope in time to receive an application for a Charter from that source.

Application was made to me for my decision, as to the legality of expulsion of members for the non-payment of dues. The decision that I gave was, that it is a custom at variance with the principles and spirit of Odd-Fellowship, and of course I must pronounce it illegal. The digest, our highest authority, declares the practice impolitic and unjust, to visit misfortune with the extreme penalty of the law, designed for criminal offences. Brethren, I cannot sanction a wrong in my jurisdiction, and hope the Representatives present will respect my motives if they condemn my decisions.

Elgin Lodge, No. 32, has surrendered her Charter and working Books, a report of which will be laid before you during the present session. The following will show that the cause of Odd-Fellowship has not been slumbering within the past year.

There have been ninety-two initiations, twenty-seven withdrawals, fifty-six suspensions, thirty-five expulsions, four deaths, three re-instatements, seven admissions by card, and an average of contributing members as shown by Reports for Dec and June of 500.

There have been 230 degrees conferred, $507.50 paid widows and orphans, $90 paid for burying the dead, $207 paid for the relief of brethren. The W. & O. Fund amounts to $7350.09.

Brethren, I will not detain you longer from the work of the Session, I shall gladly convey to you all the information in my power, so far as connected with the Order. Regretting my inability to do justice to the office I have held among you, I submit the foregoing with my best wishes for my successor in office, and the prosperity of our Order.

WM. BISSELL,
Grand Master.

August, 6th, 1862.

On motion of Rep. Tait, the Grand Master's Report was referred to the following Special Committee for distribution of subjects to appropriate committees, Wm. H. Read, Henry Sewell, and James Woodyatt.

The R. W. Grand Secretary made the following Report:

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

To the R. W. the Grand Lodge of Canada West I. O. O. F.:

Officers and Representatives,—At the close of the last session of this Grand Lodge, in pursuance of the practice of my predecessors, I attended to the publication and distribution of the proceedings of that Session.

The distribution extended to those Grand Lodges in the United States, accessible by regular mail, and I have to acknowledge the receipt in return, of Reports from nearly all of those Grand Lodges from the perusal of which, very much is to be learned, of interest to this Grand Lodge and to the Order generally.

In commemoration of the life services and the death of the late Past Grand Sire, Thomas Wildey, subjects calculated to enlist the mingled admiration and tenderest sympathies of every good Odd-Fellow, they

have all adopted appropriate resolutions. He died at the city of Baltimore, October 19th, 1861, in the 78th year of his age, venerated and beloved by Odd-Fellows and good men everywhere.

In order to provide for the deficiency required for the lithographing of our new Charters, the Secretary was authorized at the last Session, to apportion the whole cost of Charter among the Lodges according to their representation, and call upon them for any deficiency remaining due by them.

Notwithstanding the adoption of this resolution, there seemed to be a very general desire to raise the amount required, by voluntary contributions from the Lodges, and several Reps. having guaranteed from their respective Lodges, sums, in the aggregate nearly covering the deficiency, I deemed it advisable to make the appeal and await their voluntary action.

I am happy to be able to report the success of the course pursued, as the amount required, less $5.50, was wholly contributed.

The amounts thus received are in addition to what these Lodges had before paid to the same object, and will be given in my statement of Receipts.

Having acted on this measure (not without advice) but without authority, I shall most cheerfully contribute the present deficiency, if the Grand Lodge Fund is to suffer on account of my action in the matter.

It will be seen by reference to the correspondence with this office, that an opportunity has quite recently offered for the disposal of a quantity of lithographed Charters, and from what I can learn of the wants of other Grand Lodges, I am satisfied, that the Charter has only to be seen to be appreciated and sought for.

The design is a most beautiful and comprehensive one, doing credit both to the head and heart of the donor, Bro. Jno. R. Peel, our present Deputy Grand Master, and with an alteration of two or three words in the printed portion, could be adopted by any other Grand Lodge.

I believe a very creditable revenue may be derived from the sale of Blank Charters, and with a view to the purchase of the stones upon which our present Charters were struck off, I submit such estimates for the stones and the cost of printing or lithographing, as I have been able to obtain.

In response to the resolution on page 27 of last journal, ordering the return of the original Dispensations of Lodges, on the Receipt of the new Charters, I have received the Dispensations of Union, Erie, Gore, Samaritan, Imperial, Forest City, Avon, and St. Mary's Lodges.

Of the existing Lodges that have not complied with the resolution referred to, I believe three of them hold Dispensations from the Grand Lodge of the United States, issued before the organization of this Grand Lodge, and seem to be of the opinion that this Lodge cannot recall their Dispensations.

This opinion is, I think, erroneous, since full authority and control of all Subordinate Lodges in this Jurisdiction was transferred by the Grand Lodge of the United States, to this Grand Lodge, immediately upon its organization.

This much is certain, no Lodge can reasonably claim two Dispensations or Charters—one or the other should be returned.

Of those Lodges that did not receive the new Charter, Rose, Morpeth, Industry and Ontario Lodges, (some of them long since extinct,)

have made no return of either their Dispensations, Books or other effects.

From Ontario Lodge no Report has been received since Jan. 1861, and I have been unable to obtain even a reply to my letters of enquiry, addressed to their last Rep., and to the D. D. G. M. for that District.

Industry Lodge was also under his charge, and his long silence is wholly unaccountable, and apparently discreditable to him and the Officers of those Lodges.

I deem it a duty which this Grand Lodge owes to itself and to the Order, that such conduct should not go unnoticed; the guilty parties should be found out, and unless restitution and amendment is made promptly, let them "*atone to the offended law*," by having their conduct held up to scorn, and their names published to the Order and the world as men "*void of the principles of honor.*"

The new By-Laws of Long Point Lodge, as also several amendments to the By-Laws of other Lodges, which amendments have received the sanction of M. W. Grand Master, are on file for confirmation by this Grand Body.

The Dispensation for Excelsior Lodge in Hamilton, which was issued in March last, is still in my hands, and I would recommend that a Charter be granted instead.

I herewith submit correspondence with this office, which should receive the attention of this Lodge.

In relation to the revenue of this Grand Lodge for the past year the following statement embraces all the details.

RECEIPTS OF THE GRAND SECRETARY, FOR THE YEAR ENDING AUGUST 5TH 1862.

Received from the several Lodges on account of per centage, as follows:

Jan'y 3,	Gore Lodge	$ 6 22	$13 55
July 3,	"	7 33	
Jan'y 10,	Erie Lodge	8 00	19 09
July 14,	"	11 09	
Jan'y 10,	Brock Lodge	8 10	13 10
July 15,	"	5 00	
Jan'y 20,	Eureka Lodge	19 43	32 89
July 24,	"	13 46	
Jan'y 20,	Forest City	10 87	25 17
July 24,	"	14 30	
Jan'y 20,	Union Lodge	16 07	36 97
July 12,	"	20 90	
Jan'y 21,	Long Point Lodge	9 00	15 94
July 31,	"	6 94	
Jan'y 25,	Imperial Lodge	8 44	10 30
July 31,	"	1 86	
Jan'y 25,	Chatham Lodge	7 61	15 59
July 31,	"	7 98	
Jan'y 27,	Avon Lodge	4 92	14 92
July 19,	"	10 00	
Feb'y 12,	Samaritan Lodge	6 00	9 00
July 11,	"	3 00	
Feb'y 19,	St. Mary's Lodge	6 73	16 33
July 14,	"	9 60	
Mar. 20,	Rond Eau	7 80	15 66
July 31,	"	7 86	
July 14,	Thames Lodge		4 40
	Total per centage for the year		$242 91

The returns from the Subordinate Lodges, have in most cases been promptly made, and I submit the following abstract:

STATISTICAL TABLE.

SHOWING THE CONDITION OF THE

I. O. O. F. in Canada West, for the Term Ending June 30th, 1862.

LODGE.	No.	Initiated.	Rejected.	Admitted by Card.	Withdrawn by Card.	Suspended.	Expelled.	Reinstated.	Deaths.	Degrees Conferred.	No. of Contributing Members.	Paid for Funeral Expenses.	Paid for Relief of Widows and Orphans.	Paid Sick Benefits.	Widow and Orphan Fund.	LOCATION	Date of Institution.
Brock	9	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	45	.....	$120 00	.....	$1008 48	Brockville	5 March, 1846
Union	16	8	3	..	3	14	6	..	1	12	93	45 00	340 00	35 00	1980 53	St. Catharines	16 " 1846
Chatham	29	4	..	..	1	6	..	..	..	13	33	.....	.....	6 00	296 47	Chatham	13 Jan'y 1854
Eureka	30	10	..	..	3	..	6	..	..	24	60	.....	.....	59 00	890 70	London	2 Feb'y 1854
Elgin	32	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	3	23	.....	7 50	9 00	326 52	St. Thomas	5 May, 1854
Erie	33	11	..	..	1	..	3	2	..	19	42	15 00	.....	39 00	403 54	Port Burwell	6 October 1854
Gore	34	3	..	..	2	4	5	..	..	5	20	.....	34 00	4 50	616 16	Brantford	27 Dec. 1854
Samaritan	35	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	5	11	30 00	.....	10 00	303 22	Ingersoll	20 Jan'y. 1856
St. Mary's	36	4	..	..	1	14	3	1	1	6	40	.....	.....	.....	750 00	St. Mary's	6 Nov. 1856
Imperial	37	5	..	..	4	19	1	..	..	25	14	.....	.....	.....	148 04	Burford	9 Jan'y, 1857
Forest City	38	7	2	..	4	5	..	..	..	27	33	.....	.....	16 00	482 64	London	9 Feb'y, 1857
Rond Eau	40	2	..	2	2	1	..	..	..	11	32	.....	.....	33 00	107 05	Blenheim	 1860
Avon	41	7	..	..	5	..	1	..	..	42	20	.....	.....	.....	35 74	Stratford	Jan'y 1861
Long Point	42	20	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	30	23	.....	.....	.....	22 21	Simcoe	29 October, 1861
Thames	43	6	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	7	11	.....	.....	.....	.....	Mitchell	13 March, 1862
		92	5	7	27	63	29	3	4	235	500	90 00	501 50	211 50	7371 59		

NOTE.—The Suspensions and Expulsions all with two exceptions, for non-payment of dues.

Received from Lodges on account of supplies of Books, Blanks, and Cards, as follows:

1861. Aug. 7.	From Imperial Lodge for Blanks	$ 3 00		
" Sept. 30	" " " Working Books	2 50		
1862. Jan. 25.	" " " Clearance Cards	1 00		
			6 50	
1861. Aug. 7.	" Avon Lodge for Rebecca Book	2 00		
1862. Aug. 5.	" " " 18 Cards	4 50		
			6 50	
1861. Nov. 1.	" Long Point Lodge for set of Supplies	13 50		
1862. Feb. 28.	" " " " 12 Cards	3 00		
			16 50	
1861. Nov. 20.	" Union Lodge for 10 Cards		2 50	
1862. Jan. 9.	" Gore " 12 Cards		3 00	
" Mar. 14.	" Thames " on account of Supplies	5 75		
" July 14.	" " " balance "	9 00		
			14 75	
1862. Mar. 17.	" Erie Lodge for 1 dozen Cards		3 25	
	Total for Supplies			$53 00

RECEIVED FOR DISPENSATIONS FOR NEW LODGES.

1861. Oct. 5.	From Long Point Lodge, Simcoe	$30 00
1862. Mar. 5.	" Thames " Mitchell	30 00
" May 20.	" Excelsior " Hamilton	30 00
	Total for Dispensations	$90 00

RECEIVED FROM LODGES AS DONATIONS TO CHARTER FUND AS FOLLOWS, IN ADDITION TO FORMER DONATIONS.

1861. Aug. 15.	From Gore Lodge	$5 00
" " 15.	" Imperial Lodge	2 25
" Sept. 4.	" Brock Lodge	4 00
" " 30.	" Forest City Lodge	5 00
" Oct. 5.	" Rond Eau Lodge	5 00
" Nov. 20.	" Union Lodge	7 50
	Total Donations to Charter Fund	$28 75

RECAPITULATION.

Total per centage	$242 91
" for Supplies	53 00
" Dispensations	90 00
" Donations	28 75
Amount of Receipts	$414 66
1862. Feb. 20. by paid Grand Treasurer	$164 78
" Aug. 5, " "	249 88
Total paid Grand Treasurer	$414 66

From the foregoing Table and Statement, it will be seen that our Lodges are becoming more numerous, and that our ordinary revenue exceeds that of last year, and nothing seems wanting to enable us to go on and prosper, for we have no difficulties or discouragements in the way, except such as are clearly in our power to overcome.

I have on hand supplies to the value of $47, as follows:

4 Public Installation Books, at	$1 25	$ 5 00
2 Rebecca Books, "	1 25	2 50
4 Degree Books, "	2 50	10 00
3 Working Books, "	2 50	7 50
3 " " second hand "	1 25	3 75
33 Travelling and Visiting Cards,	25	8 25
Odes, Regulations, Blank Circulars, Propositions, Reports, Bonds, and Certificates, to the value of		10 00
		$47 00

From a comparison of our Revenue and Disbursements, you will see the necessity of reducing our expenses if possible, and of adopting some new source of income. The adoption of the Proxy Representation will accomplish the one object, and the sale of Blank Charters will effect the second. Both of these subjects, it is desirable, should receive the consideration of the Finance Committee, and be reported to you in some tangible form for adoption.

In reference to the compilation of the Grand Lodge proceedings, and in order to facilitate the labors of my successor, and also to ensure accuracy and order in the Journal, I would recommend that all motions and reports should be in writing, and on uniform sized slips of foolscap, as it is impossible, with our present practice, for the Secretary to take down correctly all the motions made verbally, or to file properly reports and motions written on all sorts and sizes of paper, varying from gilt-edged to scraps of wrapping paper and envelopes.

I would also respectfully recommend that in future the Grand Secretary be instructed to have our Journals printed the size of the Constitution volumes, and paged from the commencement of our Grand Lodge proceedings, with a view to binding, and an index as practised by other Grand Lodges.

In conclusion, I return you my cordial thanks for the confidence you reposed in me, and the honor you conferred upon me at your last session, and for the uniform courtesy I have received from the Fraternity in the discharge of my duties.

While surrendering my position to a worthy successor, I can only say, that if I have so far succeeded in advancing the work we all have at heart, as to merit the approbation of the Brotherhood I have endeavored to serve, my highest ambition will have been attained.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

H. C. BINGHAM,
Grand Secretary.

On motion of Rep. Woodyatt, the Grand Secretary's Report was referred to Special Committee for distribution of subjects.

The R. W. Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of the United States, read the following Report:

GRAND REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT.

Most Worthy Grand Master, Officers and Members of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West, I. O. O. F.:

SIR AND BROTHERS,—The duty that devolves upon me at this time of submitting to you a report of the proceedings of the Right Worthy

Grand Lodge of the United States, is one which affords me much pleasure in rendering a cheerful obedience.

I assure you that it was with a mixture of strange feelings, that I for the first time entered the city of Baltimore, as your Representative. Owing to the high state of excitement the country was then in, traveling over miles of railroad protected by armed soldiers, was something new and novel, and entering a city which had but recently been disturbed by an excited and infuriated mob, was calculated to lead a reflecting mind to think and ponder, and more than all this, going almost in sight of two of the largest contending armies that probably ever met, (and certainly that ever done so little), hourly expecting to engage in battle; I say, strange were the thoughts and feelings that were constantly revolving in my mind. I thought how many good and true Odd Fellows there were arrayed face to face in both those armies, and I inwardly hoped that the institution of Odd Fellowship would indirectly exert an influence in stilling those elements of discord, soothing the spirits of passion, and direct in harmony a united effort to restore peace and prosperity to that great country.

Upon arriving in the city of Baltimore, I found everything as quiet as if nothing had happened; law and order reigned triumphant, but under the authority of a Provost Marshal and his guards, which were kept walking the streets constantly day and night. And on Monday morning, the 16th day of September, 1861, a quorum of Representatives assembled in the Odd Fellows' Hall, in the City of Baltimore, and the United States national ensign floating over that beautiful building, dedicated to the principles of Friendship, Love, and Truth.

The Most Worthy Grand Sire, R. B. Boylston, of South Carolina, was not present to preside over the deliberations of Grand Lodge, but in his absence the chair was ably and satisfactorily filled by the Right Worthy Deputy Grand Sire, Milton Herndon, of Indiana; also that able and efficient officer, James L. Ridgely, Grand Cor. and Recording Secretary, was not able to be with us but a few hours, in consequence of a severe attack of summer complaint, rendering him very weak, and unable to attend to any business at all, which was a source of deep regret to the Representatives assembled. His chair, however, was ably filled pro. tem. by Representative Thomas, of Connecticut.

The Report of the Grand Secretary, as usual, contains a complete account of the work and condition of the whole Order, but it is too lengthy to embody in this report, and I would recommend it to the careful perusal of every member who feels interested in Odd Fellowship. He thus speaks of Canada West:

The Annual Report shows a gratifying condition of the Order. During the year an application was received for a Subordinate Encampment, to be located at St. Catharines, which being conformable to law, was granted by the M. W. Grand Sire, and the warrant issued on the 20th March, 1861, with a special deputation to Patriarch J. B. Hunter, of the Jurisdiction of Northern New York, to institute the same. The Encampment, by the name of Union No. 1, was instituted accordingly by Bro. Hunter, in July last, whose report, showing that the Patriarchal Order was introduced into Canada West, with a good prospect of success, is herewith submitted.

The Financial Statement, as given in the report of the Grand Secretary, is as follows:

The Revenue of the year up to the 6th September, 1861, amounts to...	$ 8,131 91
Falling due on that and payable during the session.....	5,368 39
Total amount,.....	$13,500 30
Of this amount he assumes that will not be paid.....	2,300 00
Leaving available.....	$11,200 30
This balance is chargeable with special appropriations of last session of $5,650, and the mileage and per diem of this session of $12,000, amounting to.....	$17,650 00
Apparent deficiency.....	$ 6,449 7 0
But by reason of the absence of at least one-third of the Jurisdictions, the mileage and per diem will be reduced about $4,000.....	4,000 00
	$ 2,449 70
To this amount must be added the expense incurred during recess, for printing a new edition of the Journal, new steel plate card engravings, and portrait engravings for new Journal, $1,280.12..	$ 1,280 12
Estimated real deficiency.....	$3,729 82

This statement presents an approximate view of the financial condition of the Grand Lodge, which will be somewhat varied, though not materially, by further receipts into the Treasury. In view of the general prostration of all the monetary and business interests of the country, it is a much more gratifying condition of finance than could reasonably have been expected. I see no way in which this deficiency can be overcome, except by a liberal and magnanimous act of personal sacrifice on the part of the representatives themselves, which doubtless will, under the circumstances in which the Grand Lodge is placed, be promptly made. A reduction in the rate of mileage from five to three cents per mile, will provide for the entire deficiency, and it is believed will not oppress a single individual, however distant his home from the place of meeting.

Your Representative would here mention that the suggestions of the Grand Secretary, which I have just embodied in this report, were acted upon by Grand Lodge. And the mileage and per diem, instead of being $8,000, as estimated by Grand Secretary, was reduced to $4,760, thereby leaving the financial affairs in a better condition than they have been for years.

The number of members returned in good standing up to September, 1861, is 149,239. The annual receipts from Lodges show a sum of $900,981. The amount paid during the past year for the relief of Brothers was $257,902. The amount paid for the relief of widowed families was $60,815. The amount paid for educating orphans was $94,707; and for burying the dead, $56,660.

The report of the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary is finished in the following language, which I perceive is not published in the revised journal of the proceedings, and why it was left out I cannot conceive, for there is nothing in it that could hurt the feelings of any Brother, but on the contrary, the language is beautiful and appropriate. He says:

"Upon a review of the condition of the Order presented by the reports from the various Jurisdictions, the heart is gladdened that amid the terrible scenes which now pervade the land, its glorious mission of mercy blessed and prospered of God, has been unchecked, and its great

office of benefaction to man continues to be exerted with a single eye to its high calling; yet in the midst of our gratulation and thanksgiving to a beneficent Providence, for the especial favor vouchsafed to our Order, we have not escaped the withering influences inseparable in the nature of things, from so all-permeating a calamity as that which now afflicts our country."

The Most Worthy Grand Sire of the Order, R. B. Boylston, of South Carolina, whom it was your pleasure by your suffrage, at the last session, to honor for his long, valuable, and eminent services, not less than for his distinguished ability and private virtues, is not here to grace his high chair of office; that seat, honored by long list of his predecessors, whose administration has consecrated their names and memory to our best affections, has been occupied by few equal to him and by none superior in ability. It is to-day, under the constitution, by reason of his absence, held by the Worthy Deputy Grand Sire.

The R. W. Grand Marshal, Bro. E. D. Farnsworth, of Tennessee, is not found in his place, and the voice of Virginia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Lousiana, Texas, Florida, Arkansas and Tennessee, which we have been for so many years accustomed to hear within these walls, participating in our councils, enlightening, instructing, and animating us by their experience, is not now heard, and will not be heard during our deliberations.

The seats which the Representatives of these Jurisdictions in our Brotherhood were wont to occupy, are not now occupied, and when the Recording Secretary shall call the roll from time to time, his familiar voice will not be heard by our brethren from the South, nor will there come up any response from their vacant places. We shall not grasp their hands in friendship, nor read their inward joy, as it sparkles from the eye when friends and brothers meet, We shall not meet with them in committee labor, nor measure lances with them in the arena of debate as heretofore. Why this spectacle? I dare not trust myself to answer, however choice and prudent may be the language employed, or however pure the motive, lest the answer should offend that consecrated law of our ritual, which ignoring with vestal honor, the divisions and classifications of human society, studiously avoids all affinity, with systems of faith or sect whether religious or political. The answer leaps nevertheless spontaneously from our saddened hearts, and invokes us to measure up in this crisis, to the full standard of Odd Fellowship.

You, Representatives, are the great heart of that order, from you her life-blood passes into all her veins. In the language of one of our distinguished and ever-beloved Patriarchs; "You are the watchmen on her towers, the rulers in her palaces. Her destiny is with you. Her fortunes are in your hands. God grant that her unity, her prosperity, and her perpetuity, may come forth from your councils; strengthened and assured by the light of wisdom, attempered and chastened by the broad spirit of brotherly love."

The several amendments to the constitution which were in order, were laid over in consequence of there being so few Representatives present, until the next meeting of Grand Lodge, all present feeling a disposition to do as little business as was possible, There were some decisions made by Grand Lodge, which may be of sufficient importance to include in this report.

A brother suspended for non-payment of dues, and the Lodge afterwards surrenders its Charter, may be admitted to membership upon such terms, as the

State Grand Lodge may by law prescribe. The Grand Lodge of the United States having no law applicable to the case. (Journal 3,350.)

The Grand Lodge Degree being by the laws of the Order a reward for official services, and not to be conferred for any other consideration than the regular performance of the duties of the Noble Grand's chair, brothers are entitled to their certificates for past official degrees, without a vote of the Lodge. (Journal 3,358.)

A brother reporting himself out of care thereby abandons any further claims of benefits for that sickness. (Journal 3,360.) When by the laws of the Local Jurisdiction, appeals are required to be made within a limited time, and that time is suffered to pass by without the appeal having been made, the right of appeal is gone. (Journal 3,366.)

The committee on the revision of the secret work of the order, reported in secret session, that they had divided their labors as follows: to Representative Stuart was assigned the encampment work, to Representative Dwinelle the degrees, and to Representative Nicholson, the initiatory work. Each member of the committee gave a short statement of their views on the work, and agreed to be fully prepared to report at the next session.

There were several efforts made to hold the next session of Grand Lodge in some other place, and five or six different places were proposed, and as quickly voted down, but the following resolution being proposed by Rep. Nicholson, and adopted, had the effect to satisfy all present.

Resolved,—That should circumstances justify the Grand Secretary, and if in his opinion, the safety and security of the archives and books of the Grand Lodge may require it, he be authorized to remove the same to Philadelphia or New York.

Resolved,—That in the event of a probable interruption of the meeting of this body in Baltimore, in 1862, the R. W. Deputy be authorized to convene the Grand Lodge at some central and convenient place, sufficient notice to be given to the different Jurisdictions.

The following resolutions were also proposed by Representative Escavaille of Maryland, and unanimously adopted:

Resolved,—That the members of this Grand Lodge will employ every means, and will endeavor to impress upon the minds of their constituents, the necessity of cultivating and practising those principles and sentiments which will be best calculated to preserve our beloved order intact, wherever its benign influence has spread, wherever the banner of Odd-Fellowship has been unfurled.

Resolved,—That it is the duty of every good Odd-Fellow at all times, so to act and so to speak, that their words and their deeds may give no just cause of offence to those whose circumstances have for the time being, been cut off from friendly and social intercourse with us.

Resolved,—That this Grand Lodge hopes and will continue to hope that the trying difficulties now existing, and which have shaken our common country to its very foundation, causing distrust and estrangement between brothers and friends, may be speedily and amicably settled, and that the storm which is now raging in the hearts of the people of this once peaceful and happy land, may be assuaged, and the clouds which have darkened the hopes and blighted the prospects of a whole nation, may be swept away, giving place to a cloudless sky, a bright and glorious sunshine, shedding peace, harmony, and joy over and throughout this wide spread land.

Brothers and Representatives, we cannot close this report without calling your attention to the fact, that the founder and Father of Odd-Fellowship on this continent, has gone to his last home. On the morning of the first day of the session, I had the pleasure of grasping with fraternal feelings, the hand of Father Wildey; he came among us for the last time with steps slow and trembling, for the hand of age was evidently pressing heavily upon him, but alas, one short month after that fraternal meeting, he had finished his work here below, and upon

the 19th October, he was called to meet with those who had gone before, in the Grand Lodge above, and may we all finish our work as well and completely as he did his, and be prepared when we are summoned away to again shake the hands of that venerable Father, with a fraternal grasp, that shall know no end, and in the presence of Him who is our God and Father.

Respectfully submitted,
S. G. DOLSON,
Grand Representative.

On motion of Rep. Woodyatt, the above Report was ordered to be placed on file.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed Brothers S. G. Dolson, J. Harrison and J. Taylor, a Special Committee to draft Resolutions on the death of Past Grand Sire Wildey.

The Grand Treasurer submitted the following Report, which was referred to the Committee on Finance :

THOMAS BROWN, GRAND TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE R. W. GRAND LODGE OF C. W., I. O. O. F.

TO CASH RECEIVED.

1861.		
August 6th,	To Balance on hand as per Treasurer's Report last year....	$244 26
1862.		
February 20, "	Received from Grand Secretary.....	164 78
August 5, "	" " " " balance of Revenue for the year ending this date.....	249 88
	Total.....	$658 92

BY CASH PAID FROM AUGUST 6TH, 1861, TO AUGUST, 5TH, 1862, INCLUSIVE.

1861.		
August 7.	By Paid mileage and per diem, to Representatives and Officers at the St. Thomas Session, as follows:	
" "	2 Reps. Brock Lodge.....	$ 46 44
" "	3 " Union Lodge, and 2 Grand Officers.....	51 90
" "	1 " Chatham Lodge.....	7 74
" "	2 " Eureka Lodge, and 1 Grand Officer	12 15
" "	1 " Elgin " " "	6 00
" "	1 " Erie Lodge.....	7 26
" "	1 " St. Mary's Lodge.....	5 10
" "	1 " Imperial "	7 32
" "	1 " Forest City Lodge, and Grand Rep. U. S.....	7 80
" "	1 " Rond Eau "	8 46
" "	1 " Avon "	5 70
" "	Guardian at St. Thomas	2 00
Sept. 7, 1861. "	S. G. Dolson, G. L. U. S. Tax and acct.....	96 00
Nov.30, " "	C. E. Stewart, printing G. L. Proceedings.....	28 00
March 24,1862 "	Henry Lemmon, printing Blanks.....	3 00
July 25, " "	American Express Company.....	2 75
" " "	C. E. Stewart, printing Blanks, &c.....	2 75
Aug.4, " "	Grand Master's travelling expenses, postage and printing.....	4 75
" 5 " "	Secretary's account for postage, stationery, duties on supplies, exchange, binding, &c.....	20 89
	Total Disbursements.....	$330 81
	Balance in Treasurer's Hands.....	328 11
		$658 92

THOMAS BROWN,
Grand Treasurer.

CHATHAM, Aug. 6th, 1862.

Rep. James Woodyatt, from Special Committee on Distribution of Subjects, submitted the following Report, which was adopted ;

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West I. O. O. F. :

Your Committee to whom was referred the distributing of Subjects in the Grand Master's and Grand Secretary's Reports, most respectfully recommend, first. that Clause 12, of the Grand Master's Report be referred to the Committee on Laws of Subordinates. Second, that the remainder be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order. And further recommend that Clauses 5 to 10 inclusive, 12, 25, 26, 27, 28 and 30, of the Grand Secretary's Report, be referred to the Finance Committee, also Clauses 1, 2, 18, 19, 20, 22, 23, 24, 31 and 32, be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order, and further, that Clauses 13 to 17 inclusive, and 21, be referred to the Committee on Laws of Subordinates ; that Clauses 3 and 4, be referred to the Special Committee appointed by the Grand Master, in reference to the late Past Grand Sire, Wildey.

Your Committee respectfully submit the following Resolution.

Resolved,—That the above recommendations be adopted.

WM. H. READ,
HENRY SEWELL,
JAMES WOODYATT.

The Lodge then adjourned, in order to give time for the several Committees to prepare their Reports.

LODGE ROOM, 6 o'clock p. m., Aug. 6, 1862.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT.—Grand Master, W. Bissell ; Deputy Grand Master, J. R. Peel ; Grand Warden, J. Collins ; Grand Secretary, H. C. Bingham ; Grand Treasurer, Thos. Brown ; Grand Marshal pro. tem., T. Partridge ; Grand Conductor pro. tem., R. Wigmore ; Grand Representative, S. G. Dolson, and all the Representatives.

Rep. H. Sewell, from Committee on Returns, submitted the following Report, which was adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West I. O. O. F.:

We, your Committee on Returns, having examined the various Lodge returns, beg to report as follows :

The returns of Thames, Elgin, Gore, Eureka, Forest City, Union, Imperial, Chatham, Samaritan, Long Point, and Rond Eau, are correct.

Brock Lodge is deficient in per centage seventy-nine cents. In half yearly report ending June 30th, 1862, from St. Marys Lodge, we find that fourteen brothers are reported as suspended for non-payment of dues, the names of whom are not inserted.

We find that Erie Lodge are not acting in compliance with the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges, as they are only charging four dollars per annum for dues.

In regard to Avon Lodge, return of June 30th, we find that they have received initiation fees for five brothers, for which this Lodge has received no per centage. Upon enquiry, we find that said initiation fees have been returned to the brothers, for the purpose of enabling them to become charter members of Thames Lodge. Your committee therefore enquire if it is right that the Grand Lodge should be at a loss of such per centage.

Your Committee would strongly recommend that all Lodges be instructed to make returns only of brothers that are actually good on the books at the time of making out such returns, and that the Secretary be instructed to notify all Lodges to such effect.

We would further recommend, in consequence of Lodges charging various sums for dues and degrees, that all Lodges be requested to insert in each return,

the amount charged by them in such cases, as such proceeding will much facilitate the labors of future committees.

In conclusion, we would most respectfully suggest that Erie Lodge be requested to make up the deficiency of between $4 and $6, as received by them for dues, and to remit the same to the Grand Secretary.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

HENRY SEWELL,
JAMES SMITH,
C. WARREN.

Rep. John Harrison, from Committee on Appeals, submitted the following Report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West I. O. O. F:

We, your Committee, to whom generally falls the most disagreeable duty, would most respectfully report, that after a careful and diligent search, we find nothing for your committee to deliberate upon, and hope that our successors on this committee may be able to report likewise.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN HARRISON,
GEORGE POWELL,
ROBT. KIRKPATRICK.

Rep. James Woodyatt, from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following Report and Resolutions, which were adopted, *seriatim:*

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West I. O. O. F.

Your Committee on Finance respectfully report, having examined the accounts and vouchers of the Grand Secretary and Treasurer, and find them correct, leaving a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of $328.11.

We recommend payment of the account of the G. L. U. S.

For Representative Tax and Supplies	$113 00
And the account of W. E. Copeland, postage	65
Total	$113 65

In the matter referred to by the Grand Secretary, as to whether it might not be a source of profit to this Grand Lodge, to purchase the stones used in lithographing the Charter, your committee would recommend that the whole matter be left in the hands of the Executive Officers, for such action as they may deem best, after having ascertained the number of copies of Charters that could be disposed of.

With a view to a reduction of the expenses of the Grand Lodge, your committee recommend that no more than one Representative from each Lodge, be paid from the funds of the Grand Lodge, but that the Representative from any Lodge, entitled to more than one Representative, be allowed to cast as many votes on any and all questions as the number of Representatives such Lodge would be entitled to. Provided always, that it shall be competent for Lodges or Representatives to bear the expenses of and have a full representation should they see fit.

Your committee have much pleasure in recommending for the adoption of the Lodge, the suggestion of the Grand Secretary, to have the proceedings of the Grand Lodge printed, of uniform size with the Constitution volumes.

In conclusion we respectfully submit the following resolutions:

1st. *Resolved,*—That the above named accounts be paid.

2nd. *Resolved,*—That the recommendation of the Committee with regard to purchase of Lithograph Stones, be adopted.

3rd. *Resolved,*—That this Lodge recommend the voluntary adoption of the Proxy system of representation for next session.

4th. *Resolved,*—That the proceedings of the Grand Lodge be printed of uniform size with the Constitution volumes.

JAMES WOODYATT,
G. W. HUSON,
C. WARREN,
A. HUMPHREY.

On the question of adopting the third resolution, the Yeas and Nays being called for, were taken down as follows:

YEAS—Reps. Taylor, Huson, Warren, Woodyatt, Harrison, Findlay, Humphrey, Sewell and Bristol.—9.

NAYS.—Reps. Tait, Read, Kirkpatrick, Powell and Smith.—5.

Rep. John Taylor, Jr., from Committee on Laws of Subordinates, submitted the following report and resolutions:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West I. O. O. F.:

We your Committee on Laws of Subordinates, have carefully examined the laws laid before us, and ask leave to report as follows:—

We recommend that the amendment to Article 5th, Sec. 1st, of the By-laws of Union Lodge, No. 16, altering the scale of Initiation Fees, and that the amendment to By-laws passed by above Lodge, on the 19th day of August, 1861, striking off all widows who have received benefits over five years, and all others who are or may hereafter be in receipt of benefits, shall be governed by the same. And also, that the amendment to the amendment to Article 6th, Section 4th, Clause 1st, adopted Nov. 14th, 1859, providing for a continuation of widow's benefits, if found necessary by a two-third vote of the brethren present. Also, the amendment of Article 5th, Section 7th, Clause 1st, of the By-laws of some Lodges, making provisions for investing their funds in land and buildings; above having been approved by the advising Board, be sanctioned by this Grand Lodge.

We also recommend the adoption of Clause 22, in the Worthy Grand Secretary's Report, and Clause 8 in the Worthy Grand Master's address, and that the Charters be filled and forwarded to Long Point and Thames Lodges, and to Excelsior as soon as organized.

The opinion of your committee coincides with that of the R. W. Grand Secretary, with reference to Clauses 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17, but any Lodge wishing to retain their original Dispensation may do so by returning it to the R. W. Grand Secretary, in order that it may be cancelled and returned.

With reference to the decisions of the M. W. Grand Master, in Clause 12, in his address, on expulsion for non-payment of dues, your Committee admit that it is a custom at variance with the principles and spirit of our Order, yet we hold that it is not illegal to expel a member for non-payment of dues, but your committee would recommend that the term *ceased to be a member*, be used, instead of expelled for non-payment of dues.

We have examined the By-laws of Long Point Lodge, No. 42, and find them correct.

In reporting upon the notice of amendment to the Constitution of Grand Lodge, given at the last session of the Grand Lodge, with reference to the proportion to be appropriated for Widows and Orphans Fund, your committee recommend that Subordinate Lodges be allowed the privilege of fixing their own rate, but in no case shall it be less than one-fifth.

Your committee would also recommend the adoption of the amendment to Constitution of the Grand Lodge, so as to combine the offices of Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary.

In accordance with the foregoing we respectfully submit the following:

1st. *Resolved*,—That amendments 1, 2 and 3, to By-laws of Union Lodge, No. 16, be adopted.

2nd. *Resolved*,—That Clause 22, in the R. W. Grand Secretary's Report be adopted.

3rd. *Resolved*,—That Clause 8. in the M. W. Grand Master's Address be adopted.

4th. *Resolved*,—That the suggestions of your committee on Clauses 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17, in the R. W. Grand Secretary's Report be adopted.

5th. *Resolved*,—That the recommendations of your committee on the decision of the M. W. Grand Master, Clause 12, in his address on expulsion for non-payment of dues, be adopted.

6th. *Resolved*,—That the committee's recommendation with reference to appropriation of Widows' and Orphan's Fund be adopted.

7th. *Resolved*,—That amendment to Constitution for the purpose of combin-

ing the offices of R. W. Grand Secretary and R. W. Grand Treasurer be adopted.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN TAYLOR, Jr.,
JAMES D. TAIT,
JAMES WOODYATT,
GEO. W. HUSON,
ROBERT KIRKPATRICK.

Resolutions 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, were adopted. The question being on the adoption of the 6th Resolution, it was moved in amendment by Grand Secretary Bingham, seconded by Rep. Humphrey, that the proportion of quarterly dues to be set apart for the W. & O. Fund, be fixed by this Grand Lodge, at one-fifth of all quarterly dues for all Subordinate Lodges.

The question being on the amendment, it was declared carried, and the original motion lost.

The 7th Resolution was also adopted.

On motion of Rep. John Taylor, Jr., the Grand Lodge adjourned until 9 o'clock a. m. to-morrow.

CHATHAM LODGE ROOM,
August 7th, 1862.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Grand Lodge convened, and on call of roll the following Officers and Representatives answered to their names:

Grand Master, William Bissell; Deputy Grand Master, J. R. Peel; Grand Warden, J. Collins; Grand Secretary, H. C. Bingham; Grand Treasurer, Thos. Brown: Grand Marshal pro. tem., Thos. Partridge; Grand Conductor pro. tem., R. Wigmore; Reps. Taylor, Tait, Read, Huson, Kirkpatrick, Powell, Warren, Woodyatt, Harrison, Findlay, Smith, Humphrey, Sewell and Bristol.

Rep. J. Taylor, Jr., from Committee on Laws of Subordinates, submitted the following Report and Resolutions, which were adopted:

CHATHAM, August 7th, 1862.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West, I. O. O. F.:

We, your committee appointed on Laws of Subordinates, having carefully examined the laws laid before us, beg leave to report as follows:

Your committee having minutely examined and criticised the By-laws of Eureka Lodge, No. 30, situated at London, C. W., find them correct, and in strict accordance with the Constitution.

Your committee regret to inform you that Erie Lodge, No. 33, have not yet corrected their Constitution and By-laws, condemned by your Grand Body at the session held at St. Catharines, in 1860.

We also recommend that Chatham Lodge, No. 29, strike out from the title pages of their Constitution and By-laws the words, "British North America," and insert the words, "of Canada West," and in conclusion we respectfully submit the following resolutions:

Resolved,—That the By-laws of Eureka Lodge, No. 30, situated at London, C. W., be adopted by this R. W. Grand Lodge.

Resolved,—That the words "British North America," be erased from the title

pages of Chatham Lodge, No. 29, and that the words "Canada West" be inserted thereon.

Resolved,—That the Grand Secretary be instructed to call the attention of Erie Lodge, No. 33, to the subject referred to in your committee's report.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN TAYLOR, Jr.
JAS. D. TAIT,
GEO. W. HUSON,
ROBERT KIRKPATRICK,
JAMES WOODYATT.

Rep. James Smith, from Committee on the State of the Order, submitted the following report and resolutions, which were adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West, I. O. O. F.:

Your committee on the State of the Order beg leave to submit the following Report:

In looking over the reports of our Worthy Grand Master and Grand Secretary, we find much that is encouraging to all well wishers of our beloved Order.

On comparing the returns with last year, we find that the Order is in about the same standing in regard to members and finances.

Your Committee fully endorse the sentiments of the M. W. Grand Master, relative to the indefatigable exertions of our R. W. Grand Secretary. It is to be deplored that no better feeling yet exists in the neighboring Republic in which so many of our worthy brothers are at present engaged in strife, and your Committee sincerely trust that it will soon be brought to a peaceful termination. In regard to the action taken by our M. W. Grand Master, relative to allowing a certain individual, residing within his jurisdiction, to join Olive Branch Lodge, of Detroit; your committee fully concur in the action taken thereto.

Your Committee feel heartily sorry that the demise of Elgin Lodge, No. 32, should be reported, and would strongly recommend that a committee of three be appointed by this Grand Lodge, to enquire into the cause, and if possible, to have matters at present in dispute, readjusted at as early a date as possible.

Your committee would strongly recommend that the Grand Master be empowered by this Grand Lodge, to take the earliest opportunity of visiting the localities of Ontario, Industry, Morpeth, and Rose Lodges, with a view of obtaining all documents belonging to said Lodges, which should now be in the possession of the Grand Lodge, and that he take such action as he may deem fit, in relation to the matter, and that his expenses be defrayed by this Grand Lodge.

Your Committee would express their gratification at finding that the D. D. G. M.'s have been alive to the work entrusted to them, and in conclusion, congratulate the Grand Lodge on the general prosperity of our beloved Order, and submit the following resolutions:

Resolved,—That the M. W. Grand Master, Bissell, Grand Treasurer, Brown, and P. Rep. Wigmore, be a committee to visit the members of the late Elgin Lodge, for the purposes set forth in this report.

Resolved,—That the incoming Grand Master be authorized to visit the localities of Ontario, Industry, Morpeth, and Rose Lodges, in accordance with the recommendations of this Committee.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JAMES SMITH,
JAMES WOODYATT,
JOHN FINDLAY,
WM. H. READ.

On motion of Rep. Sewell, it was resolved that the Grand Secretary notify Subordinate Lodges to forward to the Grand Master, duplicate statements of all monies paid by them to the Grand Secretary and Treasurer, whether on returns or for supplies.

G. Rep. Dolson, from special committee on the death of P. G. Sire, Thomas Wildey, submitted the following report and resolutions, which were adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee appointed to draft appropriate resolutions in respect to the memory of our late departed Bro. P. G. Sire, Thomas Wildey, beg leave to submit the following:

It having pleased the Supreme Ruler of the Universe, to remove from our midst, our late beloved and much respected Bro. P. G. Sire Thomas Wildey, after allowing him to complete more than the full share of time usually allotted to man on this earth, in extending and watching over the interest and welfare of Odd-Fellowship. Let us trust that he rests securely and peacefully from his labors, in the Grand Lodge above, and turn our attention to the example which his life affords, and strive to emulate his good deeds, and carry on the great work that he has inaugurated. Let the fires he has kindled upon our altars be handed down to the future, that it may share with the present, in the blessing of our glorious institution.

Less than fifty years ago, Thomas Wildey was instrumental in planting the germ of Odd-Fellowship upon the continent, and to its advancement he consecrated the whole energies of his life. He established an institution with principles based upon a broad platform of brotherly love, all of us without distinction of party or sect, can meet in social intercourse, and he has lived to see it grow in gigantic proportions, exerting an influence of good and benovelence, greater than any other institution of the nineteenth century. How gratifying it must have been to him in his last moments, to look around and behold the vast structure that had grown so nobly upon the foundation laid by him, now numbering over 148,-000 Odd-Fellows. What a world of pleasing emotions must be written on the tablets of his memory, as he thinks of the pleasures and blessings he has been instrumental in bringing to many a disconsolate home.

Brethren, let us pray to God that he is now enjoying the unspeakable blessings of meeting with his Father in Heaven, and may the good he has done, and the good that we must do, continually arise up to that sacred retreat, to cheer and make, if possible, more happy that good man.

Brethren, entertaining as we do, the feeling and sentiments expressed in the foregoing preamble, towards our worthy and departed Brother, let us therefore unanimously adopt the following resolutions.

Resolved,—That the Grand Lodge of Canada West, I. O. O. F. join in unison with the entire Order, and sympathize with the family and friends of our deceased Bro. P. G. Sire, Thomas Wildey; that while we feel the loss of so worthy and valuable a friend to our Order, yet we are certain that our loss was his gain, for he had completed his three score years and ten, and almost held out for four score years, when the knock came, and he was received to his long home, we trust in Heaven, a fit resting place for so worthy a man, for one who had been instrumental in disseminating so many Heaven born principles here below.

Resolved,—That we will unite with the Grand Lodge of Maryland in that laudable effort of erecting a suitable monument to his memory.

Resolved,—That a copy of the foregoing preamble and resolutions be forwarded to the R. W. G. L. of the U. S.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

S. G. DOLSON,
JNO. TAYLOR, JR.,
JOHN HARRISON.

Grand Representative S. G. Dolson, exemplified the secret work of the Order, and conferred the P. N. G. and P. V. G. Degrees on Brothers Humphrey, Smith, Kirkpatrick, Warren, Harrison, Brown and Powell,

On motion of Rep. Read, the Grand Lodge adjourned until 2 o'clock p. m.

CHATHAM LODGE ROOM,
2 o'clock p. m.

The Grand Lodge convened pursuant to adjournment. Grand Officers and Representatives all present.

Nomination of Officers for ensuing year being in order, the following Brothers were nominated, viz.:—

P. G., Marquand,	nominated	H. C. Bingham,	for	Grand Master.
Rep. Smith,	"	Thos. Brown,	"	Deputy Grand Master.
" Warren,	"	T. Partridge,	"	" " "
" Humphrey	"	H. Sewell,	"	" " "
G. Rep. Dolson,	"	J. Collins,	"	" " "
G. W., Collins,	"	J. Harrison,	"	Grand Warden.
Rep. Tait,	"	Jas. Woodyatt	"	Grand Sec. & Treas.
P. G., Wallace,	"	R. Wigmore,	"	" "

The Grand Master having appointed as tellers, Reps. Bristol and Smith, the Grand Lodge proceeded to election with the following result:

H. C. Bingham	M. W.	G. Master, acclamation.
H. Sewell	R. "	D. G. M., 2nd ballot.
J. Harrison	"	G. Warden, acclamation.
J. Woodyatt	"	G. Sec. & Treas., 1st ballot.

The above named Officers were then presented by P. G. M. Bissell, and P. G. Rep. T. Partridge, and installed by G. Rep. Dolson.

The Grand Master made the following appointments, viz.:

Rep. J. Taylor	Grand Guardian.
" Jas. Smith	Grand Marshal.
" A. Humphrey,	Grand Conductor.

who were duly installed by Grand Representative Dolson.

The Grand Master then appointed the following Past Grands, District Deputy Grand Masters, to take charge of the several Subordinate Lodges for the current year, viz:

For Brock Lodge	R. Fitzsimmons.
" Union Lodge	C. Yale.
" Chatham Lodge	G. W. Huson.
" Forest City and Eureka Lodges	Thos. Brown.
" Erie Lodge	W. A. Glover.
" Long Point and Gore Lodges	Thos. James.
" Samaritan Lodge	A. Bristol.
" St. Marys Lodge	J. Harrison.
" Imperial Lodge	J. Collins.
" Rond Eau Lodge	A. Humphrey.
" Avon and Thames Lodges	John Burns.

Rep. James Smith, from Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, submitted the following report and resolution, which were adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West I. O. O. F.

Your committee on Mileage and Per Diem herewith submit the following Tables and Report:—

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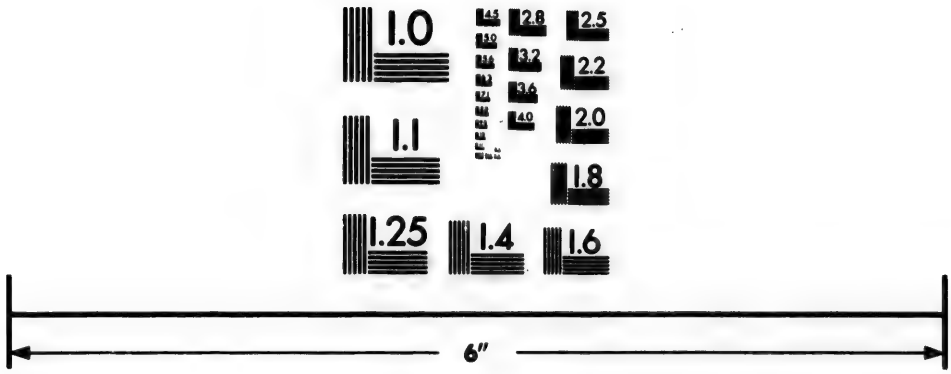

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Brock	9	774	1	3cts	$23 22	2	$1 50	$3 00	$26 22
Union	16	692	2	....	20 76	4	....	6 00	26 76
Chatham	29	.....	1	.....	.....	2	....	3 00	3 00
Eureka	30	260	2	.....	7 80	4	.....	6 00	13 80
Elgin	32	.....	....	....	.....	..	....	.....	.....
Erie	33	244	1	.....	7 32	2	.....	3 00	10 32
Gore	34	240	1	.....	7 20	2	...	3 00	10 20
Samaritan	35	168	1	...	5 04	2	....	3 00	8 04
St. Marys	36	172	1	.....	5 16	2	.....	3 00	8 16
Imperial	37	240	1	.....	7 20	2	....	3 00	10 20
Forest City	38	130	1	.....	3 90	2	.....	3 00	6 90
Rond Eau	40	24	1	.....	72	2	....	3 00	3 72
Avon	41	192	1	.....	5 76	2	....	3 00	8 76
Long Point	42	.....	....	....	.....	...	.....	.....	. ...
Thames	43	.....	....	....	.....	..	....	.....	.....
Grand Officers Present.									
Grand Master	38	130	1	....	3 90	2	.....	3 00	6 90
Deputy Grand Master	30	130	1	.....	3 90	2	.....	3 00	6 90
Grand Warden	37	240	1	.....	7 20	2	....	3 00	10 20
Grand Secretary	34	240	1	... .	7 20	2	.....	3 00	10 20
Grand Treasurer	38	130	1	.....	3 90	2	.....	3 00	6 90
Grand Rep. to G. L. U. S.	16	346	1	.....	10 38	2	... ..	3 00	13 38
		4352	20		130 56	40		60 00	190 56

The above is computed at 3 cents per mile, and $1.50 per diem, for two days. Your committee think that the above apportionment per mile is not quite sufficient to cover Reps. expenses, but being within 12 cents, we think it best to adopt that amount.

In conclusion, your committee respectfully submit the following:

Resolved,—That the foregoing report be adopted, and the Grand Secretary do issue orders in accordance therewith, in favor of the Grand Officers and Representatives.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES SMITH,
JAS. D. TAIT,
GEORGE POWELL,

Rep. Sewell gave notice of motion to amend the Constitution, Article 2, Section 2, Clause 1, to be so amended as to adopt the Proxy System of representation to the Grand Lodge.

On motion of Rep. Smith, seconded by Rep. Read, it was resolved that the resolution of last session, referring to apportionment of the cost of Charter, be rescinded.

On motion of Rep. Sewell, seconded by Rep. Bristol, it was resolved that the members of the Grand Lodge, now assembled at Chatham, do tender our sincere thanks to the brethren here, for the use of their Lodge Room, and also for their kind and hearty welcome since our arrival amongst them.

On motion of Rep. Tait, seconded by Rep. Findlay, it was resolved, that the thanks of this Grand Lodge are hereby tendered to Bro. H. C. Bingham, Past Grand Secretary, for the very able and efficient manner in which he has discharged the duties of his office, during the past year.

On motion of Rep. Taylor, seconded by Rep. Harrison, it was resolved, that a vote of thanks of this Grand Lodge be given to our Worthy Past Grand Master, Wm. Bissell, for the straightforward manner in which he has discharged his duty for the past year, and for the good feeling he has always manifested to our beloved Order.

On motion of Rep. Harrison, seconded by Rep. Sewell, it was resolved, that Brothers of Lodges that have surrendered their Charter, or become extinct from any other cause, may be reinstated in any Lodge under this Jurisdiction, as "Ancient Odd-Fellows," on producing proper evidence of their previous good standing in such Lodges; upon such terms as Subordinate Lodges may think proper to impose.

On motion of Rep Harrison, seconded by Rep. Sewell, it was resolved, that this Grand Lodge do now adjourn, to meet in the village of St. Mary's, on the first Wednesday in August, 1863, at the hour of 9 o'clock, a. m., punctually.

JAMES WOODYATT,
Grand Secretary.

Ninth Annual Communication

HELD IN THE

TOWN OF ST. MARY'S, AUGUST 6TH, 1863.

The officers and members of St. Mary's Lodge being assembled in Special Session, the officers and representatives of the Grand Lodge were received and welcomed by them in due form. The N. G. Bro. Coleman, then tendered the use of the hall for the purposes of the Session, and invited the officers and members of the Grand Lodge to become the guests of St. Mary's Lodge, on Thursday evening, the 7th instant, at a dinner to be given in honor of the Grand Lodge on that evening.

The M. W. Grand Master being unavoidably absent, the R. W. Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Sewell, on behalf of the Grand Lodge, acknowledged the compliment, and accepted the invitation.

The Grand Lodge was then opened in the Grand Lodge Degree, the following officers and Representatives being present:—

H. SEWELL	*R. W. Deputy Grand Master*
JOHN HARRISON	" " *Warden.*
JAMES WOODYATT	" *Grand Sec. and Treas.*
SAMUEL G. DOLSON	" " *Representative.*
JOHN TAYLOR	" " *Guardian.*
JAMES SMITH	" " *Marshall.*

James D. Tait, -	Union Lodge, No 16.
T. Healey, -	
G. W. Huson, -	Chatham " " 29.
Thomas Brown -	Eureka " " 30.
Robert Kirkpatrick, -	
Abel Bristol, -	Samaritan " " 35.
John McLean, -	St. Mary's " " 36.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Master appointed P. G.'s Dolson, Tait and Brown, a Committee on Credentials, who submitted the following report and resolutions, which were adopted :

To the R. W. the Grand Lodge of Canada West I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee after a careful examination, find the Credentials of the following named Past Grands, duly formed and attested as Representatives from their respective Lodges to this Grand Lodge, and recommend their admission to seats in this Grand Lodge, viz :—

JOHN TAYLOR, Jr.	*Brock*	*Lodge,*	*No.*	9.
JAMES D TAIT	*Union*	"	"	16,
T. HEALEY				
G. W. HUSON	*Chatham*	"	"	29.
ROBERT KIRKPATRICK	*Eureka*	"	"	30.
THOMAS BROWN				
V. S. MILKES	*Erie*	"	"	33.
THOMAS JAMES	*Gore*	"	"	34.
ABEL BRISTOL	*Samaritan*	"	"	35.
JOHN McLEAN	*St. Mary's*	"	"	36.
JOHN FINDLAY	*Imperial*	"	"	37.
JAMES SMITH	*Forest City*	"	"	38.
E. F. RYERSON	*Avon,*	"	"	41.
JOHN WETHERLY	*Lona Point*	"	"	42.
JAMES M. O'CONNOR	*Thames*	"	"	43.
ARCHIBALD FREW	*Excelsior*	"	"	44.

Your Committee on Credentials find the foregoing Representatives correct with the exception of the Rep. from Forest City Lodge, No. 38, who has left his Certificate behind him, but can be vouched for by Rep. Browne—also an error in the Certificate of E. F. Ryerson, Rep. from Avon Lodge, No. 41, stating that he is elected to serve only until the first of January instead of July 1864.

Your Committee also find the following Brothers duly certified as Past Grands, and entitled to membership in this Grand Lodge.

A. CRICHTON	*Union*	*Lodge,*	*No.*	16
HARRY BLACK	*Eureka*	"	"	30.
JOHN LEVEY	*Thames*	"	"	43.

We therefore recommend that the above named Past Grands be admitted as members of this Grand Lodge, and instructed in the Grand Lodge Degree.

And we further find that Rond Eau Lodge is not yet represented.

In conclusion your Committee move the following:—

Resolved,—That the foregoing report be adopted.

SAMUEL G. DOLSON,
THOMAS BROWN,
JAMES D. TAIT.

The following named Past Grands were then instructed in the Grand Lodge Degree, by Grand Representative Samuel G. Dolson, viz :

Harry Black,	-	Eureka Lodge,	No.	30.
Thomas James,	-	Gore "	"	34.
V. S. Milkes,	-	Erie "	"	38.
E. F. Ryerson,	-	Avon "	"	41.
John Wetherly	-	Long Point "	"	42.
J. M. O'Connor,	-	Thames "	"	43.
Archibald Frew,	-	Excelsior "	"	44.

On motion of Rep. J. Taylor, seconded by Rep. J. D. Tait, it was

Resolved,—That the Minutes of the last session of this Gand Lodge, held at Chatham, be adopted as printed.

The D. G. M. appointed Bro. John R. Peel, Grand Conductor *pro tem.* And also appointed the following regular Committees, viz :

On Distribution.—Reps. Taylor, Smith, Findlay.

On Correspondence.—Reps. Kirkpatrick, Smith, Ryerson and Tait.

On Returns.—Reps. Bristol, Taylor and Huson.

On State of Order and Legislation.—Reps. Smith, Frew, James, Brown and Healy.

On Laws of Subordinates.—Reps. Brown, Healy, Ryerson and Kirkpatrick.

On Finance.—Reps. James, McLean and Wetherly.

On Mileage and per Diem.—Reps. Tait, O'Connor, and Milkes.

The Lodge was then closed in the G. L. Degree and opened in the Scarlet Degree.

The following Report from the M. W. Grand Master was then read, and on motion of Rep. Thos. James, referred to a special committee of three for Distribution.

M. W. GRAND MASTER'S REPORT.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West, I. O. O. F.:

Officers and Representatives.—This day brings us together in our various capacities, as Officers and Representatives, having in charge the general interests of Odd Fellowship in the Province, and when we, as Officers have accounted to you for our past stewardship, you as Representatives, having ascertained the true position and wants of our good craft, are expected to put things "to rights"? to make the necessary provision for the future ; and having put new Officers in command, to bid them "God speed" for another, and I hope many other successful voyages.

When in taking a retrospect of the year past, and of the carnival of riot and war upon our borders, in the track of which we see hosts of disfigured, helpless beings, and hear the wail of sorrow and anguish which arises from thousands of hearts and homes. When we consider all this in contrast with *our* peaceful, and prosperous condition as a people ; and when, bringing the unhappy scene still nearer the subject before us to-day, we contrast the guilt that pervades our own Grand and Subordinate Lodge, with the troubles and burdens of the Lodges of our Order in the United States, it is almost an overpowering motion which prompts us to unite more fervently than ever before, as well in humble thanksgiving for blessings received, as in appropriate supplication for a continuance of Divine favor towards us.

While it is meet that we should thus acknowledge the Great Author of all things, let us not forget to specially implore His mercy,

guidance and blessing, for Odd Fellows and their Lodges everywhere; to so preserve, strengthen and increase them, and render them blessings to mankind; that, when peace and good will again resume their sway, Odd Fellows shall be known only to be honored and loved, and our Order remain for all time to come, as it has been for years past,—the most practical, the most munificent, and the grandest benevolent organization upon this Continent.

Soon after our last adjournment, I visited, in accordance with my instructions, the localities of Ontario and Industry Lodges, for the purpose of recovering their effects. I succeeded in obtaining their Charters, Books, Emblems and Regalia, a list of which, together with the property itself I placed in charge of the Grand Secretary, by whom they will be duly accounted for. The Furniture and Funds of Ontario Lodge had been divided among the members. In a paper (marked "A"), accompanying this report may be found the names of these brothers, and a statement of the amount each received.

Soon after the organization of Industry Lodge, they commissioned the erection of a Lodge Hall, upon a lot donated to them. Their funds being insufficient to complete the work the Brothers united in making small loans to the Lodge, with the understanding, as I was informed, that they were to be repaid those sums, from the Lodge Funds accumulating thereafter. Their supposed benefactor failed soon after the the completion of the Hall, and they learned, too late, that he was unable, as indeed he always had been, to give them a title to the lot upon which they had built. On account of the exorbitant requirements of the party into whose hands the land had passed, the Lodge felt unable or unwilling to redeem their Hall, and soon removed to another building, where they continued their exertions for an existence for some considerable time; but under so much dissatisfaction and discouragement from their misfortune, that they finally ceased to work, and, so far as they could, reimbursed themselves for their loans to the Lodge, from the Furniture and Funds they had accumulated. For further particulars concerning these Lodges, you are referred to their Minute Books and Records and to a communication from their last District Deputy Grand Master, Bro. A. Macdonald of Cobourg.

Having, without success, made repeated endeavors by letter, to accomplish the wishes of the Grand Lodge concerning Rose Lodge, I determined in January last to visit Amherstburg taking the Western Lodges in my route. By this journey I secured the Working and Degree Books, the Dispensation, and a few other articles belonging to Rose Lodge. Of their Funds, I could get no account beyond the very unsatisfactory one long since in possession of this Grand Lodge. Their furniture was seized for rent. Concerning the disposition made of their Regalia, Emblems, Minute Books and other Records, all with whom I conversed, professed entire ignorance. When it is borne in mind, that it is several years since this Lodge ceased to work, and that the Dispensation recovered by me was a special one, granted two years ago, upon their reorganization by their Grand Master Dolson, and from that day to this, they have not once held a meeting, or paid a single dollar of dues—it will not be expected that any very flattering account can be given by me, either of the property or the conduct of the members of this Lodge. However, in this case as in all others of a similar nature, there are honorable exceptions, whose names, together with such further particulars as I could obtain, you will find attached to a communication (marked B) addressed you from members of Rose Lodge.

I did not visit Morpeth, having been assured by different Brothers, (who I believe were in a position to know,) that the Charter was surrendered soon after the dissolution of the Lodge there, and the funds having been loaned or misappropriated by their Treasurer, the remaining property, such as Books, Emblems, Regalia, &c., were turned over to their more creditable successor, Rond Eau Lodge.

In the matter of Elgin, our only remaining delinquent, the Working and Degree Books, and Charter of which were recovered last year, a Special Committee was appointed, whose report will be laid before you at this meeting.

I consider it is only fair to state here, that these delinquencies are none of them chargeable to the past year, but are, less one, the total of such cases during our existence as a Grand Lodge. But in each of these cases of irregularity in disbanding and of dishonor in dividing property and funds, this Lodge should not longer delay decisive action, in order that those who are free from blame shall not be left on a par with, or entirely at the mercy of such as have thus far been allowed to pursue and perfect their evil designs with impunity. Our own indifference or hesitation in dealing with affairs of this kind, it appears to me, has not been the part either of wisdom or justice. Let us see to it at once, by our decision now, that we offer no license or premium for future misconduct or dishonor among Odd Fellows.

In January last I had the pleasure of Instituting Excelsior Lodge No. 44, located at Hamilton, for which a Charter was granted at our last Session. I was most ably assisted throughout the entire ceremonies of the session, by Grand Officers Woodyatt and Smith, and by Past Grand Officers Bissell, Peel, Brown, Read, Partridge and Wigmore; as also by a very creditable number of earnest and talented Brethren from Union, Eureka, Gore and Forest City Lodges.

On account of the size and importance of the City of Hamilton, the necessity for a Lodge of our Order there, has long been felt; and our meeting for the purpose named, was an occasion we were all delighted to honor, as in conclusion we were proud to acknowledge it, the happiest reunion in our experience as Odd Fellows. For the first Representative of that Lodge, Past Grand Archibald Frew, I bespeak from you all, the welcome to which, if you do not already, you will soon concede he is really entitled.

During the year just ended, I have visited every Lodge of our Order in this Province. In most cases this has been done in connection with the execution of the special orders of this Grand Lodge, or in the pursuit of my private business. It would be impracticable to give you the details of my visit to each Lodge; their Representatives here, to talk *with* and *to you*, and their Semi-Annual Reports soon to be laid before you, will inform you of all that is most important concerning them. The reception I met was invariably gratifying to me and creditable to the Fraternity, and the Lodge meetings were well attended, by Brethren, who with scarcely an exception were ready to renew with me their pledges of zeal and fidelity to the principles of the Order. In each Lodge I endeavored to have a thorough rehearsal in the Secret Work, making such correction, imparting such advice as I deemed necessary, and conveying from one Lodge to the other, those items of information with regard to Lodge rooms and appurtenaces, Finances, Membership, efficiency and zeal, as I thought best calculated to increase fraternal interest and incite laudable emulation.

In this connection, I must particularly commend to your notice the action of Union Lodge in the erection of a beautiful and Spacious Odd Fellows Hall. The Brethren of St. Mary's Lodge, whose Hall we now occupy, are also the owners of their Hall. These are examples, which can and should be followed by many other Lodges immediately, and in time by all.

On account of the distance and consequent draft upon our limited Funds, I had not thought a visit to Brock Lodge advisable; but business unexpectedly calling me to Montreal, afforded an opportunity which I gladly improved. Notwithstanding the lateness of my arrival there, quite unexpected to them, a meeting was speedily improvised, at which I had the pleasure of exchanging congratulations with several former associates in Grand Lodge and of forming some new acquaintances. Our meeting was quite informal, but was improved to the best advantage, both in conveying and receiving information pertinent to the occasion, and proved, I believe, mutually agreeable and satisfactory to all present. Most of you are aware that Brockville was the home of our first Grand Master, the lamented Dr. Reynolds, the originator, and until his death, the master spirit of our present organization as a Grand Lodge. Brock Lodge, of which he was a member, is the oldest of our Subordinate Lodges. Bearing these things in mind, you will readily appreciate the strangely mingled feelings with which I approached, and sought familiarity with the scenes and associates of his life and labors—feelings of sorrow for his loss; of respect almost amounting to devotion for his memory, and of fraternal sympathy and love for his co-laborers who still cluster around the altar consecrated by his words and conduct, to the works of Friendship, Love and Truth. What hallowed memories center around his home and Lodge! And how should the recollection of his untiring devotion to our cause prompt his successors there, and our Brethren everywhere, to renewed efforts for the extension and perpetuity of Odd Fellowship.

In November last, I received a letter from the Corresponding Secretary of the Manchester Unity Order of Odd Fellows; written, as stated therein, in conformity with a resolution passed at their last session, asking whether anything in the way of amalgamation or reciprocity could be effected, whereby the objects of both Orders could be advanced—and if so, what steps were necessary to accomplish that end? This communication, together with a copy of my reply to the same, will be found among other correspondence and papers for your consideration.

Of the various questions submitted for my decision, to all of which I have replied, several were only of local interest; while others were of minor importance, or, so well defined by the usages of the Order and the repeated action of our own and the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, that I deem it unnecessary to place them upon record, and will only offer the following:

1st. A Lodge, having rejected a candidate, on a vote taken without ball ballots; at its next regular meeting proceeded to a ball ballot, (as prescribed by the Constitution,) for the same candidate who was thus elected.

QUERY: Was the re consideration, and final action of the Lodge correct? My reply sustained the final action of the Lodge, on the ground that the ballot which resulted in rejection, was not conformable to law and consequently void.

2nd. Can a member retiring with the V. G.'s P. W. for the night,

be re-admitted at any time during that meeting by giving the same to the I. G.? To which I answered "Yes."

3d. Are candidates retaining membership in the Manchester Unity eligible to initiation in our Lodges; and is it admissable for members of our Order to unite with the M. U., thus holding membership in both Orders? My reply was "No."

Subsequently, I obtained, through the Deputy Grand Sire for this Province, the opinion of the Most Worthy Grand Sire of the United States, which is on fyle, and fully supports my own view of this case. Quite recently I received from the source of the last Query, a special request from the N. G. on behalf of the Lodge: that I would call your attention to this question, with a view to its discussion, and if deemed advisable, such representation of the subject, to the Grand Lodge of the United States as would perhaps result in such amendment of law, or relation of usage, as would permit the initiation of members of the Manchester Unity. It is a question which I believe exclusively effects this jurisdiction, and I respectfully submit it for your consideration.

The amendments adopted at last session have worked favorably, and if followed up by those proposed for this meeting, will, I believe, place our Financial affairs on a more liberal and substantial basis than has existed for some time past; a result much to be desired, since we should have been compelled, in a short time, under our former system, to resort to special assessment.

The Deputy District Grand Masters have been more than usually prompt, in remitting their official reports; and I trust equally so, in the performance of the various duties assigned to them. As very much of advantage, both to the Grand and Subordinate Lodge arises from the promptitude and faithfulness of the District Deputy, it is earnestly to be hoped that future appointees, will not only accept their Commissions with pride, but, not resting satisfied with filling nominal positions, see to it that nothing is left undone or unattended, which will advance the interests of the Order, and especially, that the very first, and in fact every act of their Lodges, designed for, or tending to dismemberment, is promptly and fully reported either to the Grand Secretary or Grand Master.

For the first time in many years we have complete returns from all our existing Lodges, and none have ceased to work during the year. These Returns, and the Reports of the various Deputies are really encouraging. Of the Returns the Secretary's Report will afford you an abstract, and the Reports will in due course be reviewed in Committee.

While I do not for a moment conclude that our receipts towards the Wildey Monument Fund are ended, I believe that the amount already paid, in proportion to our numbers, will compare favorably with that of any of the State Jurisdictions from which we have yet heard. This sum, small though it is, is our sincere tribute to the memory of Father Wildey; and added to similar sums to be gathered in from all parts of this continent, will accomplish a work which will creditably perpetuate his memory, and be alike honorable to us all.

Experience and observation have taught me that the labors of Grand Secretary are, and by no means should be limited to the duties enjoined upon him in the Constitution. So far as authority extends, that of course should be his guide and limit; but there are innumerable other opportunities and ways of imparting information, and keeping up an interest throughout the fraternity, both by tongue and pen, which

very appropriately falls within his sphere, and thus renders his position not only the most useful, but the most arduous one connected with our Grand Lodge. It is highly gratifying to me to acknowledge, from my own observation, the efficiency of our present Grand Secretary, Bro. James Woodyatt, and to commend him to your highest consideration and thanks, as a faithful officer and a true Odd Fellow.

I am too well aware of the importance you attach to our anniversary meetings, to think it necessary to impress upon you, at length, how requisite it is that we improve faithfully the short period allotted us. System, promptitude and harmony are requisite to the accomplishment of the work for which we have assembled. Let us illustrate all these principles.

If the result of our mutual endeavors has not been productive of all the good we hoped for, let us be thankful that so much of harmony has been maintained, and some decided improvement and progress made during the year; and let us upon this occasion consecrate our talents and energies anew to the object for which we are banded; hoping and believing always that the success of our principles will ever tend to "peace on earth—good will to men."

In conclusion, it is not merely a form of words with which I thank you for the confidence with which you distinguished me one year ago, and for the courteous co-operation which it has been my good fortune to receive in the discharge of my duties. I needed all these, the realization of which makes me more grateful.

H. C. BINGHAM,
Grand Master.

The R. W. Grand Secretary and Treasurer submitted the following Report, which was on motion of Rep. A. Frew referred to the same Special Committee for distribution:

GRAND SECRETARY AND TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West I. O. O F.:

Officers and Brethren,—By the kind Providence of God, our Father, we are permitted again to assemble at the close of another year, to legislate for the preservation and welfare of our beloved Order. Let us ascribe praise to Him who, through the year, has vouchsafed so much prosperity and success to our efforts: and while we reflect with gratitude on our own position, and address ourselves anew to our work, let us with fraternal sympathy and kindly regard offer up our best wishes for our brothers of other Jurisdictions close by, who have been and are now called to endure the affliction of war. Let our prayers be that they may come out of the trial as gold purified.

I take pleasure in discharging the duty of rendering an account of the work of my department; a duty made doubly pleasant by the uniform courtesy and co-operation I have received from all the brotherhood, and especially that of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Bingham, who has been untiring in rendering me such assistance and advice as has been almost invaluable.

As soon as possible after the last session, I attended to the printing and distribution of the Journal, sending copies to each subordinate Lodge, and to the several D. D. G. Masters and Representatives in this Jurisdiction. I also enclosed copies to the Secretary of the R. W. Grand Lodge U. S., and to each of the Grand Lodges whose address was given

in the last Journal of the Proceedings of the G. L. U. S. I have to acknowledge the receipt in return of the Journals of the Grand Lodges of California, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Nebraska, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Hampshire, Maryland, Pennsylvania, New York, Ohio, District of Columbia, Kentucky, Indiana, Missouri, Tennessee and Maine, and also the Journals of the Grand Encampments of Iowa, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Kentucky and Tennessee. I am happy to say that all these, while they deeply deplore the terrible condition in which their country is placed by the cruel and desolating war now raging there, yet speak hopefully of the present and future prospects of the Order, and most of them afford undeniable evidence of the great good accomplished by the Order, which is brought more prominently into view by the dire necessity that exists for its benevolent ministrations.

In accordance with the resolution of last session, an appeal was made to each subordinate Lodge in the jurisdiction for a subscription to the Wildey Monument Fund. To this several of the Lodges have already responded in a liberal manner, and it is hoped that ere this session close the remainder will have done likewise.

The amounts received will be found in the statement herewith submitted.

The matter of purchasing the stones upon which our Subordinate Lodge Charters were printed having been placed in the hands of the Executive Officers, I am happy to report, that, as the result of considerable correspondence, one special and two casual visits to Toronto, made by M. W. Grand Master, we have at last effected the purchase of the principal stone, containing the black drawings. The other quite small stone containing the written portion had been defaced, but can be obtained at a trifling cost at any time. We contracted with Messrs. W. C. Chewett & Co., for the renewal of the written portion and the tints, and also for the printing of a limited supply of Charters for sale. For further particulars you are referred to the correspondence and memorandum of agreement made with Messrs. Chewett & Co., through whose courtesy and favor we were finally enabled to secure our object easier and earlier than we could otherwise have done, and to whom this acknowledgment is justly due. Early in the year descriptive circulars of the Charters were mailed to all accessible Grand Lodges, and sample Charters sent to a few. I would recommend the purchase of the small stone referred to above. Orders already received will very nearly, if not quite, reimburse the Grand Lodge for the purchase made, and there is every probability that when the financial, political and social affairs of our neighbors shall have regained their equilibrium, we shall be enabled to realize by the sale of Charters all that my predecessor in office anticipated in his annual report, and in view of the fact that some of our negotiations are yet incomplete would recommend that the whole matter be left in present hands for another year.

The original Dispensation of Chatham Lodge (a Charter having been granted instead) has been cancelled in accordance with the resolution of Grand Lodge. The Dispensation of Eureka and Brock Lodges are the only ones of this class yet uncalled.

Charters of extinct Lodges, (Ontario, Industry and Rose,) have been recovered during the recess, and together with inventory of the

property recovered, are duly fyled with papers of said Lodges. Part of the effects of the above Lodges have been disposed of to Thames and Excelsior Lodges—see "Financial Statement."—The books and records also obtained should be carefully preserved for future reference. The value of the charge books and property obtained is considerably greater than the expense incurred in their recovery.

The By-laws of Excelsior Lodge, and an amended By-law of Gore Lodge, are submitted for your approval.

Amendments to the Constitution of this Grand Lodge of which notice was given last Session will require your careful consideration.

The Correspondence had between the M. W. Grand Master and myself is herewith submitted.

The Semi-Annual Reports for both terms from all the Lodges have been received giving evidence of life and activity in the benevolent work of the Order. Who can tell the amount of suffering prevented, the amount of comfort afforded to the Widow and Orphan, by the sum devoted to that purpose, small though it be, while the amounts to the credit of the Lodges indicate the ability, if need be, to do yet more for the alleviation of sickness and distress. It will be well for the proper committee to carefully examine the reports with a view to the correction of some small discrepancies which, notwithstanding all the care exercised in getting up the blank forms still occur.

The reports of Erie Lodge still show an adherence to their custom for years past of requiring only One Dollar for quarter's dues: and there seems to be great disinclination on the part of the Lodge to comply with the repeated requirements of the Grand Lodge to amend their laws in conformity with the Constitution for Subordinates. As an equivalent to the Grand Lodge in the matter of per centage they have paid this year fifteen per cent instead of ten, as required from all other Lodges, and seem willing to continue the same. The Lodge appears to be working prosperously and in explanation of their course you are referred to the report of D. D. Grand Master Glover, for December 1862. Evidently the Constitution ordained for their guidance should be amended to meet their wishes or they should be required to adhere to our well established usage and law.

The Statistical Table accompanying this will show more fully the condition of the several Lodges.

The income and expenditure for the past year is given in the annexed statement.

The supplies on hand are as follows:

Banner, Regalia and Emblems, Rose Lodge		$ 6 00
Balance of Regalia, Ontario Lodge		5 00
2 Working Books	$2 50	5 00
4 Degree Books	2 50	10 00
2 Rebekah Books	1 25	2 50
3 Public Installation Books	1 25	3 75
8 Degree Books	2 00	16 00
3 Working Books	1 25	3 75
11 Visiting Cards	25	2 75
Orders, Blanks, Circulars, Reports, Propositions &c		10 00
Postage Stamps		1 18
Amount owing by Excelsior Lodge for Regalia		27 00
Amount owing by Erie Lodge for two Working Books		4 00
Total		$162 86

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Abstract from the Semi-Annual Reports of the Subordinate Lodges, under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada West, for the year ending 30th June, 1863.

LODGE.	No.	Initiated.	Rejected.	Admitted by Card.	Withdrawn by Card.	Reinstated.	Suspended.	Expelled.	Deaths.	Ceased for N. P. D.	Contributing Members.	Degrees Conferred.	Brothers Relieved.	Widows Relieved.	Paid for Relief of Brothers.	Paid for Relief of Widowed Families.	Educating Orphans.	Burying the Dead.	Total Relief.	Amount of Annual Receipts.	Widow and Orphan Fund.	General Fund.	LOCATION	Date of Institution.
Brock	9	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	46	7	2	3	$16 00	$110 00	..	..	$126 00	$157 00	$1100 00	.....	Brockville	5 Mar. '46
Union	16	5	..	..	2	2	17	..	1	..	102	18	2	4	112 00	160 00	..	30	302 00	518 76	1992 87	2508 25	St. Catharines	16 " '46
Chatham	29	6	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	34	15	2	..	8 00	.....	..	..	8 00	187 67	333 81	11 37	Chatham	13 Jan. '54
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Erie	33	8	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	5	47	6	6	..	86 00	.....	..	..	86 00	212 30	435 59	178 00	Port Burwell	6 Oct. '54
Gore	34	..	..	1	1	5	5	..	..	6	28	3	..	1	.....	24 00	10	..	34 00	154 77	676 74	165 04	Brantford	27 Dec. '54
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JAMES WOODYATT, GRAND SECRETARY AND TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE R. W. GRAND LODGE OF C. W., I. O. O .F.

TO CASH RECEIVED.

1862.			
August 7th,	To amount from late Treasurer		$328 11
" "	" Brock Lodge, deficiency of percentage last term		1 00
" "	" Eureka Lodge, for Charter Fund		5 50
" "	" Imperial Lodge, for Card		0 25
" "	" Chatham Lodge, for Card		0 25
	Total		$335 11
1863.			
Jan'y 2,	To Gore Lodge Percentage	$ 4 90	$12 47
July 3,	" " " "	7 57	
Jan'y 12	" Erie Lodge, "	16 00	27 10
July 22,	" " " "	11 10	
Jan'y 20,	" Thames Lodge "	5 00	11 05
July 13,	" " " "	6 05	
Jan'y 22,	" Forest City Lodge "	12 28	28 18
July 21,	" " " "	15 90	
Jan'y 26,	" Imperial Lodge "	2 64	6 12
July 8,	" " " "	3 48	
Jan'y 30,	" Long Point " "	8 46	14 30
July 8,	" " " "	5 84	
Jan'y 31,	" Avon Lodge "	5 74	11 06
July 13,	" " " "	5 32	
Feb 5,	" Union Lodge "	23 61	42 85
July 16,	" " " "	19 24	
Feb 7,	" Chatham Lodge "	6 59	16 26
July 30,	" " " "	9 67	
Feb 7,	" Samaritan Lodge "	9 92	13 16
July 27,	" " " "	3 24	
Feb 18,	" Eureka Lodge "	17 47	39 89
July 21,	" " " "	22 42	
Mar 27,	" Rond Eau Lodge "	4 55	8 67
Aug 5,	" " " "	4 12	
April 3,	" St. Mary's Lodge "	10 40	20 19
July 16,	" " " "	9 79	
June 23,	" Brock Lodge "	6 60	13 00
July 23,	" " " "	6 40	
July 16,	" Excelsior Lodge "		16 29
" "	" " " Books, Odes, &c		16 00
" "	" " " Cards		1 50
Feb 7,	" Chatham Lodge, second hand Working Book		2 00
Feb 18,	" Long Point Lodge, Rebekah Book		1 25
Feb 18,	" Eureka Lodge, Rebekah Book		1 25
May 6,	" Union Lodge, six Travelling Cards		1 50
June 4,	" Gore Lodge, Rebekah Book		1 25
July 13,	" Thames Lodge, Regalia		20 00
" "	" " " Cards		1 50
" "	" Henry Sewell, Digest		2 00
	" Chatham Lodge, Cards and Odes		4 00
Aug 4,	" Gore Lodge, N. G., V. G., S. & T. Jewels		5 00
	Total		$672 95

BY CASH PAID FROM AUGUST 7TH, 1862, TO AUGUST 4TH, 1863, INCLUSIVE.

1862.		
August 7,	By Paid mileage and per diem, of Representatives and Officers at the Chatham Session as follows :	
"	By 1 Rep. Brock Lodge, No. 9, John Taylor, Jr.	$ 26 22
"	" 2 " Union Lodge, No. 16, J. D. Tait and W. H. Read	26 76
"	" 1 " Chatham Lodge, No. 29, G. W. Huson	8 00
"	" 2 " Eureka Lodge, No. 30, R. Kirkpatrick & G. Powell	13 80

August 7,	By 1	Rep.	Erie Lodge, No. 33, C. Warren	10 32
"	" 1	"	Gore Lodge, No. 34, James Woodyatt	10 20
"	" 1	"	St. Mary's Lodge, No. 36, J. Harrison	8 16
"	" 1	"	Imperial Lodge, No. 37, John Findlay	10 20
"	" 1	"	Forest City Lodge, No. 38, James Smith	6 90
"	" 1	"	Rond Eau Lodge, No. 40, A. Humphrey	3 72
"	" 1	"	Samaritan Lodge, No. 35, Abel Bristol	8 04
"	"		Grand Rep. U. S., S. G. Dolson	13 88
"	"		P. G. Master, Wm. Bissell	6 90
"	"		P. D. G. Master, J. R. Peel	6 90
"	"		P. G. Warden, John Collins	10 20
"	"		P. G. Secretary, H. C. Bingham	10 20
"	"		P. G. Treasurer, Thomas Brown	6 90
" 11,	"		Paid W. L. Copeland, Postage to September 1861	0 65
" 21,	"		Paid for draft on New York for $113, to pay Grand Lodge U. S., account of that amount	101 70
"	"		Paid Order of G. M.'s expenses to Cobourg and Grafton	15 50
Nov. 25,	"	"	John Sutherland's acc., ½ ream of letter paper	1 75
1863.				
Jan'y 21,	"	"	H. Lemmon, printing Journal, Blank Headings &c.	37 50
Feb 1,	"	"	Order of G. M. Expenses in visiting Sub. Lodges	41 12
July 3,	"	"	" " " to Toronto for Lithograph	5 00
Aug 4,	"	"	For postage, stationery, express charges, binding &c.	20 78
			Balance	258 44
			Total	$672 95

From the foregoing statement of the Finances it will be seen that while the Income has been sufficient to meet the expenses, there is yet need of economizing as far as possible. To this end I conceive the Grand Lodge will do well if it adopt the amendment proposed at last Session, and recommended before that by Past Grand Masters Yale and Dolson, I refer to Proxy Representation.

In conclusion, brethren, accept my warmest thanks for the honor conferred upon me. Look leniently on the shortcomings of my administration, of the trust committed to me, and let me trust that my successor will have it in his power to report much greater prosperity another year.

Fraternally submitted,
JAMES WOODYATT,
Grand Sec. and Treas.

The Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of the United States read the following Report, which was on motion of Rep. J. D. Tait, referred to the Committee on State of the Order :—

GRAND REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West, I. O. O. F.:

SIR AND BROTHERS,—It is with much pleasure that I again meet with you as your Representative to the Grand Lodge of the United States, and render unto you such of the proceedings of that Grand body as is essential to the interests of our Order in Canada West.

The Grand Lodge of the United States met according to adjournment in the city of Baltimore, on Monday, 15th August, when on report of the Committee on Credentials, twenty-four GrandLodges and eleven Encampments were represented.

The Most Worthy Grand Sire, R. B. Boylston, of South Carolina, was again not present to preside over the deliberations of the Grand Lodge, in consequence, I presume, of the unsettled state of affairs in

that country; that duty, however, was ably performed by the R. W. Deputy Grand Sire, Milton Herndon, of Indiana, whose Annual Report can be seen by referring to the printed proceedings of the Grand Lodge.

There has been no material changes to the Constitution, and in fact very little business of importance was done at this session, owing to there being no representation from any of the Southern States, a disposition prevailed among Representatives to do as little business as possible; hoping that soon the political discords which now distract both North and South would be settled, and a full representation once more meet, and with renewed energy conduct the important matters of legislation connected with Odd Fellowship. Our Order being a progressive institution, it necessarily follows that there must be amendments introduced from time to time, having a tendency to raise the standard of Odd Fellowship nearer and nearer to perfection.

The following answers to questions propounded to the Deputy Grand Sire, acting as Grand Sire, were confirmed by Grand Lodge:

Answer to Question 1st.:

A Grand Master has entire supervision of his Subordinates during vacation, and the right to interfere on all violations of law: and in case of persisted disobedience, may suspend the privileges of the refractory Lodge, until the case is tried and determined by the Grand Lodge.

Answer to Question 2d.:

No appeal to the Grand Lodge lies upon the decision of incidental questions during a trial; they may form exceptions and be the basis of an appeal, but an appeal to the Grand Lodge can only be taken after the decision of the entire case by the Lodge, which is binding until reversed by the Grand Lodge.

Answer to Question 3d.:

The mode of reaching the Grand Master to obtain a decision is a matter for local legislation, and is generally on an appeal from the decision of a District Deputy Grand Master.

Answer to question 4th:

When the Constitution and By-laws of a Subordinate conflict with the laws and decisions of the State Grand Lodge, or of the Grand Lodge of the United States, the laws of the latter body must be conformed to.

It has been decided that persons claiming to have been members of the Order, but who are unable to establish satisfactorily their claims, can only be readmitted by Initiation, setting forth in their petition for membership, that they have never been suspended or expelled from any Lodge, and that they are unable to obtain evidence of their former connection with the Order.

The Grand Sire in his address, speaking of Father Wildey, says: Who could have anticipated such results, that the one Lodge founded by him on the 26th of April, 1819, composed of only five members, should gather a nucleus of four thousand Lodges, with over 200,000 members, and the Order should have so prospered that in this latter year of its existence it would expend $300,000 for the relief of its members, $70,000 for the relief of widowed families, $100,000 for the education of orphans, and $60,000 for burying the dead; nearly half a million dollars in one year for this great cause of human benefaction, and this by Lodges representing the Northern and Western States; and still there is a reserve fund of more than one million of dollars for continued usefulness. Who can estimate the good to the world at large resulting from the dissemination of the principles upon which Odd Fellowship is based? By their fruits ye shall know them, and the noble deeds of Father Wildey bespeak the usefulness of his life. His name and re-

membrance of his deeds will live while Friendship, Love, and Truth endure; it is but for me to announce his death—it is for you to prepare a more deserving tribute to his memory.

In view of the high estimation in which Father Wildey was held by the Grand Lodge, a committee was appointed, consisting of one from each Jurisdiction, to report upon some suitable action to be taken by the Grand Lodge, when they submitted the following report, which was unanimously adopted:

The committee to whom was referred the resolution of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, instructing its representation to bring before the Grand Lodge of the United States, the fitness, propriety, and justness of the erection of such a monument to the memory of Past Grand Sire Wildey, as shall be alike worthy of his eminent character, as the Father and Founder of American Odd Fellowship, and becoming the Supreme Legislative Head of the Order, over whose deliberations he so long and so ably presided, and in furtherance of this object that the co-operation of all sister Jurisdictions be invited, to the end that the offering may be the spontaneous and united tribute of the brotherhood at large, beg leave to report that the committee regard it as eminently proper that the proposed monument should be erected under the auspices and direction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, representing as it does the Order of Odd Fellows on this continent, to which the lifetime of the deceased has been devoted, and to which belong his memory and fame. The committee submit the following resolutions:

Resolved,—That the Grand Lodge of the United States most cordially reciprocate the sentiments expressed in the resolutions of the Grand Lodge of the State of Maryland, touching the fitness and justice of an appropriate memorial in commemoration of the services of the late Past Grand Sire, Thomas Wildey; and regarding the erection of a suitable tablet or monument to his memory, as properly an offering in which the whole brotherhood should have an opportunity to unite, in view of the obligations which the Order at large owe to his long and valued and successful efforts in the cause of Odd Fellowship, do hereby commend the subject to the several Grand Bodies for their respectful consideration and earnest co-operation.

Resolved, further,—That for the purpose of bringing this subject intelligibly before the Order, the Corresponding Secretary be, and is hereby directed to address a circular letter to each Grand Body, respectively requesting them to submit the subject to their several Subordinates, and that such sums as may be contributed by individual brothers, or Lodges, or Encampments, may be received by the Grand Secretaries or Grand Scribes of such Jurisdictions, by them to be forwarded to the Grand Corresponding Secretary; to be placed by him in the Treasury of the Grand Lodge of the United States, to be held by the Grand Treasurer in special trust as the Wildey Monument Fund.

Resolved, further,—That a Committee of five be appointed for the purpose of receiving drawings or designs for a suitable monument, and estimates of its cost to be reported to the next session of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Resolved,—That this action on the part of the Grand Lodge of the United States, is not to be construed in any way to commit this body to the erection of a monument to Thomas Wildey, or to incur any responsibilities therein, other than to apply the funds voluntarily contributed to the object contemplated.

Resolved,—That this Grand Lodge hereby pledges its faith to the fraternity, that no debt shall be contracted in the erection of said monument, beyond what the voluntary contributions of the Order may amount to, and that only such a monument or tablet shall be erected, as the funds thus collected shall pay for, and that under no circumstances shall any contract be made or plan adopted exceeding the amount of the sum thus contributed and provided for the purpose.

From the report of the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, the Order appears to be in a healthy condition, the utmost harmony continuing to prevail, although in some jurisdictions there has

been a falling off in membership, in consequence of so many of our members going into the army.

There was some prospect of a deficit in the Treasury of the Grand Lodge, but the Representatives present magnanimously voted a sufficient reduction of their mileage to meet the emergency. The consequence of which was that the Grand Treasurer, in his report, was enabled to say that the financial condition of the Grand Lodge was now much more favorable than it had been for a series of years.

This Session being the time according to the Constitution for the election of Grand Officers, the following members of Grand Lodge were duly elected and installed with the usual ceremonies:

M. W. Grand Sire—P. G. M., James B. Nicholson, of Pennsylvania.

R. W. Deputy Grand Sire—P. G. M., Wm. H. Young, of Maryland.

R. W. Grand Cor. and Rec. Secretary—P. G. M., Jas. L. Ridgely, of Maryland.

R. W. Grand Treasurer—P. G. M., Joshua Vansant, of Maryland.

APPOINTED GRAND OFFICERS:

R. W. Grand Chaplain—P. G. M., James D. Williamson, of Ohio.
" " Marshall—P. G. M., B. W. Dennis, of Michigan.
" " Guardian—P. G., Augustus Pfaff, of Pennsylvania.
" " Messenger—P. G., John E. Chamberlain, of Maryland.

The Committee to whom was referred the revision of the Secret Work of our Order, only partially reported, and the matter was again laid over until the next Session.

The Committee on Grand Bodies, not represented, reported the following States not to be present, namely, South Carolina, North Carolina, Louisiana, Virginia, Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee, Mississippi, Texas, Florida, Arkansas and Vermont, which was ascertained to be from causes entirely beyond their control.

A communication was received while in Session, and read by Grand Secretary, from the Grand Master of the State of Virginia, which for a moment created considerable clapping of hands by the Grand Representatives. It was as follows:

Office of the M. W. Grand Master, of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Virginia,
Norfolk, Sept. 7th, 1862.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Permit me to remind you that our mail facilities are open between you and I, and notwithstanding the difficulties of this causeless war, it will afford me much pleasure to receive your daily printed proceedings.

I am, dear Sir, yours respectfully,

A. L. HILL, *Grand Master.*

To James L. Ridgely, Esq.

On motion of Grand Lodge, the request of Grand Master Hill was granted, and the proceedings were ordered to be sent to all Grand Bodies not present.

It has been decided by resolution of the Grand Lodge of the United States, that Grand Secretaries or Grand Scribes, shall not deliver cards to any one, except he has first received a written order signed by the Secretaries of Lodges or Scribes of Encampments, in his own hand writing, and authenticated by their Seals.

It was also decided, in the same manner, that all reports of Subordinates to Grand Lodge, must contain the signature of each of the elective officers thereof, and the same carefully preserved by Grand Secretaries and Scribes.

A brother depositing a withdrawal card in a Lodge for membership, must be in possession of A. T. P. W. Lodges when giving withdrawal cards to members should impart the A. T. P. W. to them. Should any brother fail to be in possession of such words, he can only be admitted as an Ancient Odd Fellow.

Such, brethren, is a brief outline of the most of the business done by Grand Lodge, the Session lasting only four days. Of course there is a great amount of time consumed by committees, and the discussion of appeal cases, which are of a local nature and not necessary to introduce here. The Grand Lodge will meet again in the City of Baltimore, if no unforseen cause happens to prevent it.

Brethren, in closing this report, permit me to return you my thanks for the confidence you have reposed in electing me to the honorable position of Representative to the Grand Lodge of the United States, and hope and trust, that my humble efforts for the good of our Order may have produced some good results. Still hoping that Odd Fellowship may safely pass through all the difficulties which is now shaking its foundation to the very center, and that soon all America's sons shall once more be gathered within its peaceful folds.

Respectfully submitted,
SAMUEL G. DOLSON, *Grand Representative.*

Rep. Taylor from the Committee on the distribution of subjects submitted the following report and resolution, which were adopted.

St. Mary's, August 5th, 1863.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West I. O. O. F.

Your Committee to whom was referred the distribution of subjects in the M. W. Grand Master's, and R. W. Grand Secretary and Treasurer's reports, most respectfully recommend, That Clauses of Grand Master's Report, Nos. 8, 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20, be referred to the Committee on Laws of Subordinates, and that the remaining portion be submitted to the Committee on State of the Order and Legislation.

And further recommend that clauses in Grand Secretary and Treasurer's report, viz: Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 15, be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order, and that clauses Nos. 7, 8 and 11, be referred to the Committee on Laws of Subordinates; clause 9, to Committee on Correspondence; Clause 10 to Committee on Returns, and clauses 12, 13 and 14 to the Finance Committee.

Your Committee respectfully submit the following resolution:

Resolved,—That the above recommendations be adopted.

JOHN TAYLOR, JR,
JAMES SMITH,
JOHN FINDLAY.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned, in order to give time for the several committees to prepare their reports.

LODGE ROOM, 7 O'CLOCK P. M.,
August 5th, 1863.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Grand Lodge met and opened in the Scarlet degree, the M. W. Grand Master, H. C. Bingham, presiding, and on call of Roll, the following Officers and Representatives answered to their names:—Grand Master Bingham, D. G. Master Sewell, Grand Warden Harrison, Grand Sec. & Treas. Woodyatt, Grand Guardian Taylor, Grand Marshal James Smith, Grand Conductor, *pro. tem.*, J. R. Peel, Grand Representative Dolson.

Reps. Tait, Healy, Huson, Brown, Kirkpatrick, Milkes, James, Bristol, Findlay, Ryerson, Wetherley and O'Connor.

The Committee on Credentials submitted the following Supplementary Report, with resolution subjoined, which were adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Credentials do further report upon Past Grand Certificates, and which we find correct, viz.:

P. G. EDWARD LONG,	*St. Marys Lodge, No. 36, St. Marys.*
" GEO. H. MARLATT,	
" DAVID A. ROBERTSON,	
" THOMAS IREDALE	
" JAMES WHIMSTER,	
" CHARLES LEE	*Avon Lodge, No. 41, Stratford.*
" WILLIAM MOWATT	
" E. F. RYERSON	

We therefore submit the following Resolution for adoption:

Resolved,—That the above named P. G.'s be admitted as members of the Grand Lodge, and instructed in the Grand Lodge and Past Official Degrees.

SAMUEL G. DOLSON,
THOMAS BROWN,
JAMES D. TAIT.

The Committee on Laws of Subordinates submitted the following Report and Resolution:

St. Marys, August 5th, 1863.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Laws of Subordinates, humbly beg to submit the following:

1st. Your Committee have entertained the suggestion "for the amendment of By-law No. 73, of Gore Lodge No. 34," and recommend that so much of that By-law as follow the words, 'next preceding such vote,' be erased.

2nd. Your Committee further recommend the adoption of By-law No. 78, of Gore Lodge.

3d. Your Committee further recommend the adoption of the Constitution and By-laws of Excelsior Lodge No. 44, with the exception of Article V., Sec. 1, of By-laws, by substituting for the word "ten" the word "six," and amending Sec. III. of same article by substituting for the words "two dollars for each degree," the words following: "Two dollars for the first degree," and "three dollars" for each of the subsequent degrees.

4th. Your Committee further recommend that clause No. 4, of Article V. of the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges be amended by substituting for the words, "but shall not be less than one dollar and fifty cents (or seven shillings and six pence)" the words following: "But shall be at the following rates: $4.00 per year with 15 per cent., $5.00 per year with 12½ per cent., $6.00 per year and over, 10 per cent. payable to the Grand Lodge on such contributions."

5th. Your Committee have examined the Report of the M. W. Grand Master, and have given attention to those portions of it which were brought under the notice of your Committee.

6th. Your Committee regret that they cannot recommend the sustaining the M. W. the Grand Master's decision as to the subject or query contained in Sec. 2 of Clause 18th.

7th. We recommend that the decision of the M. W. the Grand Master, contained in Sec. 3, Clause 19, be sustained, and which same matter is referred to in Clause 20.

8th. As to clause No. 8. in the R. W. Grand Secretary's Report relating to the change of the Constitution, as the representation to the Grand Lodge, your Committee cannot recommend any change to be made thereon, considering such a change as proposed to tend to a certain extent to curtail a free and just representation of the opinions of Subordinate Lodges, and of the sentiments of each particular Lodge.

In accordance with the foregoing, we respectfully submit the following Resolutions:

1st. *Resolved*,—That amendment of By-law 73, of Gore Lodge No. 34, be adopted.

2nd. *Resolved*,—That new By-law 78, of Gore Lodge, be adopted.

3rd. *Resolved*,—That the Constitution and By-laws of Excelsior Lodge No. 14, be adopted as amended.

4th. *Resolved*,—That Article V., clause 4th, of Constitution of Subordinate Lodges, be amended as recommended by your Committee.

5th. *Resolved*,—That the decision of our M. W. Grand Master, contained in clauses 16 and 17 of his Report, be adopted.

6th. *Resolved*,—That clause 6 of your Committee's Report be adopted.

7th. *Resolved*,—That the decision of the Grand Master, contained in Sec. 3, clause 19, be adopted.

8th. *Resolved*,—That the recommendation of your Committee on clause 8, in R. W. Grand Secretary's Report, be adopted.

Respectfully submitted.

THOMAS BROWN, Chairman.
E. F. RYERSON,
T. HEALY.
R. KIRKPATRICK.

The foregoing Resolutions having been taken up clause by clause, upon due deliberation thereon, resulted in the following:

Resolutions Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, adopted.

Resolution 6 lost, and the following adopted in lieu thereof, viz.:

Moved in amendment by Rep. Tait, seconded by Rep. Findlay, and

Resolved,—That the decision of the M. W. Grand Master on clause 6 of his address, be and is hereby confirmed.

Resolutions 7 and 8 adopted.

The Committee on Credentials submitted the following additional report, and resolution which were adopted.

St. Marys, August 5th, 1863.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Credentials are happy to report that the full representation is now made up, as Rep. Peter Fraser, of Rond Eau, has just arrived.

We therefore report Past Grand Fraser duly elected and accredited, and recommend that he be admitted to a seat in this Right Worthy Grand Body.

We therefore submit the following:

Resolved,—That the foregoing Report be adopted.

SAMUEL G. DOLSON,
THOMAS BROWNE,
JAMES D. TAIT.

The R. W. Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of the United States, Bro. Samuel G. Dolson, then exemplified the secret work of the Order.

It being now past eleven o'clock, the Lodge then adjourned until Thursday morning, the 6th inst.

St. Marys, Thursday, Aug. 6th, 1863.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Grand Lodge convened, and on call of roll all the Officers and Representatives answered to their names, with the exception of Rep. Frew, of Excelsior Lodge.

Rep. James Smith, from Committee on the State of the Order and Legislation, submitted the following Report and Resolutions, which were adopted:

St. Marys, August 5th, 1863.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West I. O. O. F.

We, your Committee on the State of the Order, have much pleasure in submitting the following Report:

The very lengthy and interesting addresses of the Grand Master and Grand Secretary, have been very carefully looked into by your Committee, who are very much gratified to find therein great encouragement that our beloved Order is steadily increasing, both in regards to numbers and usefulness.

We regret to learn that our Grand Master has been unable to again get Ontario, Industry, Rose, and Elgin Lodges into working Order; but we trust soon to hear that the members of the said Lodges, individually, may come to a better understanding with each other, and harmonize so that they will at a very early date unite themselves once more with the brotherhood, and thereby enjoy the privileges and benefits of Odd Fellowship.

With regard to those members of Ontario Lodge dividing among themselves the funds and property of the Lodge, we would recommend that your Honorable Body use the most strenuous means to punish them as their merits deserve, and have their names published as acting unworthy of men and Odd Fellows.

Your Committee have much pleasure to learn that another Lodge has been added to our number, and one which in the estimation of all Odd Fellows, will do much to the furtherance of our cause. We now speak of Excelsior Lodge No. 44, instituted at the city of Hamilton in January last.

Your Committee highly approve of the system adopted by our Grand Master in visiting the different Lodges in our jurisdiction, as the same has a great tendency to create a better and more lasting feeling to the Order in general, and trust that the same plan will be continued by each succeeding Grand Master.

Your Committee are proud to learn that the members of Union Lodge, St. Catharines, have followed the steps of the brethren of St. Marys, in possessing themselves of a Hall or Lodge Room of their own, and trust soon to hear, not only of some, but of all the Lodges in Canada doing likewise.

Your Committee are pleased to learn that the District Deputies have acted with a promptness worthy of their position, and which has greatly assisted the Worthy Grand Secretary to prepare his Report for this Grand Lodge, and trust that future D. D.'s will exercise a similar zeal.

Your Committee fully concur with the hopes of the Grand Master and Grand Secretary, relative to the Wildey Monument.

Resolved,—That the purchasing of the Charter Stones, and all matters appertaining thereto, be left in the hands of Brothers Bingham, Woodyatt, Sewell, and Harrison, and that they carry out the instructions given them at a former session of this Grand Lodge.

Resolved,—That the Grand Secretary be instructed to demand from each and all the members of Ontario Lodge, situated at Cobourg, who participated in the division of its funds, at the time of breaking up, the amount each received, and should they decline to comply with the foregoing, then be it further

Resolved,—That the Grand Secretary make known throughout the Order, the facts in connection therewith.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES SMITH,
THOMAS BROWN,
T. HEALY,
THOMAS JAMES,
ARCHIBALD FREW.

Rep. John Taylor, from the Committee on Returns, submitted the following Report and Resolutions, which were adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West I. O. O. F.

We, your Committe on Returns, having examined the various Lodge Returns, beg leave to report as follows:

The returns of Brock, Union, Chatham, Eureka, Gore, Rond Eau, Samaritan, Forest City, and Long Point, are correct.

Erie Lodge No. 33, does not give names of rejected applicants in Term ending 30th June; they also continue to charge four dollars per annum, which is contrary to Constitution, and pay the Grand Lodge 15 per cent. instead of 10, which of course is not advantageous to their Lodge; in Term ending June 30th, they do not insert names of ceased to be members for non-payment of dues—they return five.

St. Mary's Lodge No. 36 do not give names of ceased to be members for non-payment of dues, though they report 17; they also report 91 members on books when their figures only make 59.

Imperial Lodge No. 37, report 4 members deceased for Term ending 31st December which is not correct, they also in the same report give ten members withdrawn and only insert the name of one. They report two members expelled, and do not give names in either reports; also give fifty-five names on books when figures only show thirty-nine; and in last report fifty-six members instead of forty, and not signed by the proper N. G.

Avon Lodge No. 41, reports are both signed by present Secretaries; report ending June 30th, returns fifteen cents too much in percentage.

Thames Lodge, No. 43 report, ending Dec. 30th, signed by present instead of past Secretary, otherwise correct.

With regard to clause 10 in the R. W. Grand Secretary's Report, we beg leave to state, that having examined all the points necessary with regard to reports, and are extremely sorry to say that so many mistakes and discrepancies occur in filling Blanks which are so plainly laid down for the use of Secretaries of Subordinate Lodges, and we further recommend such clause to the consideration of this Grand Lodge, hoping that some stringent measure may be adopted to obviate such difficulties in future. In conclusion your Committee move the adoption of the following:

Resolved,—That the foregoing report be adopted.

All of which is most respectfully submitted,

ABEL BRISTOL,
JOHN TAYLOR, Jr.
GEO. W. HUSON.

Rep. Robt. Kirkpatrick, from the Committee on Correspondence, submitted the following report and resolution which were adopted.

St. Mary's, Aug. 5th, 1863.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Correspondence, after having carefully reviewed the correspondence laid before them, respectfully report, that they do not find anything but what has been gone over, and reported upon by other Committees.

Resolved,—That the above report be adopted.

ROBT. KIRKPATRICK, *Chairman.*
JAMES SMITH,
E. RYERSON,
JAS. D. TAIT,

Rep. Thomas James, from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following report and resolution, which were adopted:

St. Marys, Aug. 6th, 1863.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West I. O. O. F.:

Your Finance Committee having carefully examined the accounts, and Vouchers of the Grand Sec. and Treas., find the same in every respect correct, with a cash balance on hand of $258.44.

Your Committee would recommend the payment of the following accounts, viz:

R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States	$75 00
Expenses of Special Committee appointed to visit Elgin Lodge, No. 32..	5 47½
Total	$80 47½

Your Committee are happy in being able to state, that in consequence of

property obtained from extinct Lodges, with that before remaining in the hands of the Worthy Grand Secretary, the value of the same has increased as follows:

Property of Grand Lodge in Grand Secretary's care, 1863	$96 93
" " " " " 1862	47 00
Increase	$49 93

In conclusion your Committee beg to submit the following resolution:

Resolved,—That the above report be adopted, and the account of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, and that of the Special Committee be paid.

Respectfully submitted.

THOMAS JAMES,
JOHN McLEAN,
JOHN WEATHERLY.

Rep. James D. Tait, from the Committee on Mileage and per Diem, submitted the following report and resolution which were adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West I. O. O. F.:

BRETHREN,—Your Committee on Mileage and per Diem herewith submit the following table, report and resolution:—

NAME OF LODGE.	No.	No. of Miles Travelled	No. of Reps.	Rate per mile.	Amount of Mileage.	No. of Days.	Rate per Diem.	Amount of per Diem.	Total of Mileage and per Diem.
Brock	9	614	1	4cts	$24 56	2	$1 50	$3 00	$27 56
Union	16	412	2	....	16 48	4	....	6 00	22 48
Chatham	29	170	1	.....	6 80	2	....	3 00	9 80
Eureka	30	84	2	.....	3 36	4	.....	6 00	9 36
Erie	33	142	1	.....	5 68	2	....	3 00	8 68
Gore	34	100	1	.....	4 00	2	.....	3 00	7 00
Samaritan	35	80	1	.....	3 20	2	...	3 00	6 20
St. Marys	36	.....	1	....	.....	2	....	3 00	3 00
Imperial	37	100	1	.....	4 00	2	.....	3 00	7 00
Forest City	38	42	1	.....	1 68	2	....	3 00	4 68
Rond Eau	40	206	1	.....	8 24	2	.....	3 00	11 24
Avon	41	20	1	.....	0 80	2	....	3 00	3 80
Long Point	42	140	1	.....	5 60	2	....	3 00	8 60
Thames	43	46	1	.....	1 84	2	.....	3 00	4 84
Excelsior	44	122	1	....	4 88	1	....	1 50	6 38
GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT.									
Grand Master	34	100	1	.....	4 00	2	.....	3 00	7 00
Deputy Grand Master	41	20	1	.....	0 80	2	.....	3 00	3 80
Grand Warden	36	.....	1	.....	.....	2	....	3 00	3 00
Grand Sec. and Treas.	34	100	1	.....	4 00	2	.....	3 00	7 00
Grand Rep. to G. L. U. S.	16	206	1	.....	8 24	2	.....	3 00	11 24
		2704	22		108 16	43		64 50	172 66

The foregoing computation is made at 4 cents per mile—$1.50 per diem for two days.

In conclusion, your Committee respectfully submit the following:

Resolved,—That the foregoing report be adopted, and that the Grand Master do issue orders in accordance therewith in favor of the Officers and Representatives present.

JAMES D. TAIT,
J. M. O'CONNOR,
VINCENT S. MILKS.

P. G. Bro. Richard Wigmore from the Special Committee appointed at the last session to visit St. Thomas in the matter of Elgin Lodge, submitted a report and resolution whereupon it was*

Resolved,—That the Special Committee be discharged and the report be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

Grand Representative S. G. Dolson from the Special Committee on Testimonial to Bro. J. R. Peel, submitted the following reports and resolutions, which were adopted.

St. Marys, Aug. 6th, 1863.

To the M. W. Grand Master, Officers and Members of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West.

Your Special Committee who were appointed at a previous Session of this Grand Lodge to procure some suitable testimonial to our worthy Bro. J. R. Peel, for the very beautiful design he has furnished this Grand Lodge for a Charter, beg leave to report for the information of their Grand Lodge, that in consequence of the finances of the Grand Lodge not being more than sufficient to defray the actual expenses of this Grand body, that they have not as yet been able to obtain anything which in their opinion would be suitable; be it therefore

Resolved,—That in view of the high estimation in which this Grand Lodge has for the beautiful design furnished us by Bro. Peel, and the great benefit likely to be derived from the sale of copies of Charters, made from these drawings, that this Grand Lodge will, whenever the funds so admit of it, procure such testimonial as may be deemed suitable by any Committee appointed by this Grand Lodge.

Resolved,—That such testimonial be not considered of such importance for its intrinsic value, but as a token from this Grand Lodge, to Bro. Peel, as an appreciation for his kindness shown in the matter and ability displayed.

Resolved, further,—That the present Committee appointed to procure such Testimonial be now discharged, and a new Committee appointed, consisting of the M. W. Grand Master, and the Grand Secretary and Treasurer of this Grand Lodge be a Standing Committee for that purpose, and that when in their opinion the funds will warrant them, that they procure what they would consider suitable, and that the presentation of said Testimonial be made in open Session of this Grand Lodge, and that the same be fully announced to the several Subordinates to this Grand Body, previous to the said meeting of Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted.

SAMUEL G. DOLSON,
WM. H. READ,
CHAUNCEY YALE.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned until one o'clock, p. m.

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1 O'CLOCK, P. M.
St. Marys, Aug. 6th, 1863.

The Grand Lodge convened pursuant to adjournment, and opened in the Grand Lodge Degree.

All the Officers and Representatives present, with the exception o Representatives McLean and Fraser.

Past Grands P. D. Fraser, Thomas Iredale, G. H. Marlatt, James Whimster and C. H. Hankinson were then instructed in the Grand

* This report was not printed and is not on fyle.

Lodge Degree. The Lodge was then closed and opened in the Scarlet Degree.

On motion of Rep. Healy it was

Resolved,—That the Grand Lodge proceed with the reception of reports of Committees.

Rep. Brown, from the Committee on Laws of Subordinates, submitted the following report and resolution, which were adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee appointed to report on the By-laws of Subordinate Lodges, do hereby further recommend that By-laws of Brock Lodge, No. 9, be amended, by substituting in the Clause No. 4 of Section 3, of Article VII., for the words included within and between the words "nor shall any vote" and "suspension as previous thereto,"—the words following, namely, "any suspended brother who may wish to be reinstated, on his being thought worthy by ballot, be admitted by paying his dues, as they accrue from the date of his admission; and should he at any time be entitled to benefits of whatsoever kind, said benefits shall be credited to his arrears, if the same be not previously paid."

Resolved,—That the above appended report be adopted.

THOS. BROWN, *Chairman*,
T. HEALY,
ROBT. KIRKPATRICK,
EGT. F. RYERSON.

Rep. James Smith, from Committee on State of the Order, to whom was referred the report of the Special Committee on Elgin Lodge, submitted the following report and resolutions which were adopted:

St. Marys, Aug. 6th, 1863.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West I. O. O. F.

We your Committee, to whom the report of the Special Committee in regard to Elgin Lodge was referred, beg leave to submit the following:

The special care and zeal which characterizes the action of the Committee that visited St. Thomas in the matter above, is highly commendable, and from the facts placed so fully before us in the report referred to, have to recommend as follows, viz:

Resolved,—That Bros. King, Morgan, McAdam, Drake and Caswell, be at once expelled from the Order, for accomplishing the disorganization of Elgin Lodge, and participating in a division of the funds thereof, in direct opposition to their duties and obligations, and also for contempt towards this Grand Lodge, as well as the Special Committee appointed to inquire into the same.

Resolved,—That all other brothers of Elgin Lodge in good standing at the time of its dissolution, who did not aid in the same, or who innocently participated in the division of the funds and property of the said Lodge, shall be entitled to cards from this Grand Lodge, as soon as they shall furnish satisfactory evidence to the effect, and deliver up to this Grand Lodge, all such funds and property as they may have received as aforesaid.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES SMITH,
THOMAS BROWN,
T. HEALY,
THOMAS JAMES.

Nomination of Officers for ensuing year being in order, the following brothers were nominated, viz.:

P. G. M., Bissell, nominated James Woodyatt, for Grand Master.
G. W. Harrison, " John R. Peel, for "

Rep. Smith.	"	Thomas Brown, for Deputy Grand Master
" Smith.	"	Robert Kirkpatrick, for Grand Warden.
" Tait.	"	James Smith, for Grand Sec. & Treas.
P. G. Rep., S. G. Dolson	"	H. C. Bingham, for Grand Representative.

The Grand Master having appointed as Tellers, Reps. Ryerson and Taylor, the Grand Lodge proceeded to election with the following result:

James Woodyatt	M. W. Grand Master,	1st Ballot.
Thomas Brown	R. W. D. Grand Master,	acclamation
Robert Kirkpatrick	" Grand Warden,	"
James Smith	" Grand Sec. & Treas.	"
H. C. Bingham	" Grand Representative	"

The above named Officers were then presented by P. G. M. Bissell, and installed by Grand Rep., S. G. Dolson, into their respective offices.

The Grand Master afterwards made the following appointments:

P. G., Edward W. Dixon,	Grand Guardian.
" Richard Wigmore	Grand Marshal.
" Harry Black	Grand Conductor.

The M. W. Grand Master then appointed the following Past Grands as District Deputy Grand Masters for their respective Lodges, for the ensuing year, viz.:

For Brock Lodge	Robert Fitzsimmons.
" Union Lodge	James A. Swinton.
" Chatham Lodge	James Marquand.
" Forest City and Eureka Lodges	Thomas Brown.
" Erie Lodge	W. A. Glover.
" Gore Lodge	Robert Park.
" Samaritan Lodge	Abel Bristol.
" St. Marys Lodge	Thomas Iredale.
" Imperial Lodge	John Collins.
" Rond Eau Lodge	W. R. Fellowes.
" Avon Lodge	E. F. Ryerson.
" Long Point Lodge	John Wetherly.
" Thames Lodge	J. M. O'Connor.
" Excelsior Lodge	Archibald Frew.

P. G. Rep., S. G. Dolson, at this period of the proceedings, duly instructed the undermentioned Brothers in the Past Official Degrees: Harry Black, P. D. Fraser, V. S. Milks, James Whimster, J. M. O'Connor, John Wetherly, Thomas Iredale, and G. H. Marlatt.

It was moved by G. Rep., S. G. Dolson, seconded by Rep. Taylor, that whereas this Grand Lodge fully appreciates the zeal, exertions, and ability displayed by our worthy Past Grand Master, in the cause of Odd Fellowship in our Jurisdiction. Be it therefore

Resolved,—That the thanks and good wishes of this Grand Lodge, for his future welfare, are hereby tendered to Past Grand Master H. C. Bingham, and that a copy of this resolution, under the Seal of the Grand Lodge, be forwarded by the Grand Secretary to our Past Grand Master.—Carried unanimously.

On motion of P. D. G. M. Sewell, seconded by Rep. McLean, it was

Resolved, That a copy of the Report and Resolutions, submitted by the Special Committee in matter of Testimonial to Bro. J. R. Peel, and unanimously adopted by this Grand Lodge, be forwarded to Bro. Peel by the Grand Secretary, under the Seal of Grand Lodge.

Rep. Kirkpatrick submitted the following Appendix to No. 1 of Report on Correspondence, together with Resolutions specified below:

St. Marys, Aug. 6th, 1863.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West I. O. O. F.:

The attention of your Committee has been called to a correspondence had between the M. W. Grand Master and five brothers of the late Rose Lodge, "praying for cards of clearance." After mature deliberation, your Committee do report favorably upon the petitions of Bros. John Conroy, Fanel Conroy, and Dunbar. Therefore be it

Resolved,—First, That cards of clearance be granted by the M. W. Grand Master, after having ascertained that they have not in any way participated in the division of the funds, or other property of the said Rose Lodge.

Resolved,—Second, That there are not sufficient facts presented in the correspondence and memorandum of the Grand Master to warrant us to report favorably upon the two remaining Brothers, viz: Thos. H. Bushe and Sam'l McGee.

ROBT. KIRKPATRICK, *Chairman*.
JAMES SMITH,
E. F. RYERSON,
JAMES D. TAIT.

The above Resolutions having been separately put to the Lodge, they were carried accordingly.

On motion of Rep. Taylor, it was unanimously

Resolved,—That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are hereby tendered to Bro. James Woodyatt, Past Grand Secretary, for the very great zeal with which he has worked for the benefit of our beloved cause, and for the very able and efficient manner in which he has discharged his duties during his term in that highly important office.

On motion of Rep. Tait, seconded by Rep. Healy, it was unanimously

Resolved,—That the thanks of this R. W. Grand Lodge are due, and are hereby tendered to the officers and members of St. Marys Lodge, for their uniform kindness and courtesy since this R. W. Grand Lodge met here, and would particularly notice the untiring zeal of Past Grand Warden, Bro. Harrison, in the unceasing endeavors which he made to promote the comfort and convenience of the Officers and Representatives of this Grand Lodge.

On motion of Grand Rep. Bingham, it was

Resolved,—That in view of the recovering of the Charters and Books of secret work of Elgin, Ontario, Industry, Rose and Morpeth Lodges, and all other facts connected therewith, placed before the Lodge at this Session, we therefore do hereby declare those Lodges extinct; and also that the Grand Secretary be instructed to carefully file all the final papers connected therewith.

On motion of D. G. M. Brown, it was

Resolved,—That the Bond of the late Grand Secretary and Treasurer be given up to him, he having paid over to the Grand Secretary and Treasurer the balance in his hands at the termination of his office.

On motion of P. G. Rep. Dolson, and seconded by Rep. Ryerson, it was

Resolved,—That the Grand Secretary is hereby ordered to get the proceedings of this Grand Lodge printed as soon as practicable by him, and that he forward the usual number of copies to the Subordinate Lodges immediately after.

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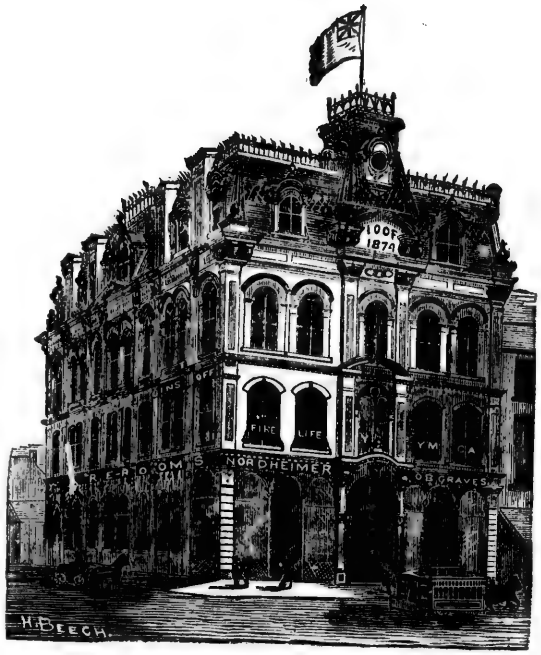

ODD FELLOWS' HALL, LONDON,

—THE PROPERTY OF—

EUREKA, No. 30, FOREST CITY, No. 38, AND DOMINION, No. 48.

—DEDICATED BY—

W. FITZSIMMONS, ESQ., M.P., M.W. GRAND MASTER OF ONTARIO, AUGUST 2, 1875

—DEDICATION ORATION BY—

HON. JOHN N. INGERSOL, P. G. M., OF MICHIGAN.

Original cost of property, $40,000.

On motion of R. G. Rae, Dolson, and seconded by Rev. Taylor, it

On motion of P. G. Rep. Dolson, and seconded by Rep. Taylor, it was

Resolved,—That this Grand Lodge do now adjourn to meet in the City of London on the first Wednesday in August, A. D. 1864, at the hour of nine o'clock in the forenoon.

JAMES SMITH,
Grand Secretary.

Tenth Annual Communication

HELD AT THE

CITY OF LONDON, AUGUST 3TH, 1864.

The officers and members of Eureka Lodge, No. 30 and Forest City Lodge, No. 38, assembled in special Session in the Hall of Forest City Lodge. The N. G. of Eureka Lodge, Bro. Wigmore, having taken the Chair, the Lodge was opened according to ancient form.

The M. W. Grand Master, together with the Officers and Representatives having been introduced, Bro. Wigmore, on behalf of both Lodges tendered the use of the Hall for the purposes of the Session, and at the same time invited the officers and members of the Grand Lodge to become the guests of both Lodges on this Wednesday Evening, the 3rd inst., at a dinner to be given at the Tecumseh House, at the hour of half past eight o'clock.

The M. W. Grand Master on behalf of the Grand Officers and Members in his own happy manner acknowledged the compliment and accepted the invitation.

The Grand Master having taken the Chair the Grand Lodge was opened in the Grand Lodge degree. The Roll of officers being called, the following answered to their names :

Bro. JAMES WOODYATT	*M. W. Grand Master.*
" THOMAS BROWN	*R. W. Deputy Grand Master*
" ROBERT KIRKPATRICK	" *Grand Warden.*
" JAMES SMITH	" *Grand Sec. and Treas.*
" H. C. BINGHAM	" " *Representative.*
" RICHARD WIGMORE	" " *Marshall.*
" HARRY BLACK	" " *Conductor.*

The Grand Master appointed P. G. M. Bro. W. Bissell, Grand Guardian, *pro tem*, and P. G. M. Bro. S. G. Dolson as Grand Chaplain,

The M. W. Grand Master then appointed Grand Sec. Jas. Smith, G. Warden R. Kirkpatrick, and Grand Marshall R. Wigmore, a Committee on Credentials, who after examining the Certificates as presented, submitted the following report, which was adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West I. O. O. F.

Your Committee after a careful examination, find the Credentials of the following named Past Grands, duly formed and attested as Representatives from their respective Lodges to this Grand Lodge, and recommend their admission to seats in this Grand Lodge, viz:

Rep.	JAMES CURLE	*Brock*	*Lodge,*	*No.*	9.
"	SAMUEL G. DOLSON	*Union*	"	"	16,
"	GEORGE WALES				
"	ROBERT O. SMITH	*Chatham*	"	"	29.
"	RICHARD WIGMORE	*Eureka*	"	"	30.
"	GEORGE POWELL				
"	WM. A. GLOVER	*Erie*	"	"	33.
"	CALEB H. HANKINSON				
"	THOMAS JAMES	*Gore*	"	"	34.
"	THOMAS IREDALE	*St. Mary's*	"	"	36.
"	EDMUND BELTZ	*Forest City*	"	"	38.
"	JOHN BURNS	*Avon,*	"	"	41.
"	GEORGE F. COUNTER	*Long Point*	"	"	42.
"	JAMES M. O'CONNOR	*Thames*	"	"	43.
"	HENRY McA'FEE	*Frontier*	"	"	45.

Your Committee on Credentials find the foregoing Representatives correct, and entitled to seats in this Grand Lodge. We find that Samaritan, Imperial, Rond Eau and Excelsior Lodges are not yet represented, and that only one Representative from Forest City Lodge has yet made his appearance.

Your Committee also find the following Brothers duly certified as Past Grands and entitled to membership in this Grand Lodge:

WALTER CHATFIELD	*Union*	*Lodge,*	No.	16.
JAMES HERON	*Eureka*	"	"	30.
JOHN JURY	"	"	"	30.
J. B. KING	*Gore*	"	"	34.
WM. COLEMAN	*St. Marys*	"	"	36.

We therefore recommend that the above named Past Grands be admitted as members of this Grand Lodge, and instructed in the Grand Lodge Degree.

Past Grand D. H. Cuff, of St. Mary's Lodge, No. 36, has produced Certificate to that effect, lacking the seal of the Lodge, but your Committee have reason to believe the Brother duly entitled to receive the Degree, and would therefore recommend that the brother have the same conferred upon him.

In conclusion your Committee move the following:

Resolved,—That the foregoing report be adopted.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JAMES SMITH.
ROBERT KIRKPATRICK.
RICHARD WIGMORE.

The Grand Marshall P. G. Bro. R. Wigmore, having introduced the Representatives and Past Grands to the Grand Lodge, the Grand Master instructed them in the Grand Lodge Degree, and they then took their seats.

The R. W. Grand Marshall, Bro. R. Wigmore moved, seconded by Past Grand Master Bro. S. G. Dolson, that the minutes of the last session of this Grand Lodge, held at St. Marys be adopted as printed.—Carried.

The M. W. Grand Master then appointed the following Committees viz :

On Distribution.—Reps. Bingham, Barr, Wales and Brown.

On Correspondence.—Reps. Glover and J. C. Jackson.

On Returns.—Reps. Barr, Beltz and Curle.

On State of the Order and Legislation.—Reps. McAfee, Wigmore, James, Dolson and Beltz.

On Laws of Subordinates.—Reps. Powell, R. O. Smith, C. H. Hankinson and Hiram Sheck.

On Finance.—Reps. James, Burns, Iredale and McCormick.

On Mileage and Per Diem.—Reps. Dolson, O'Connor, Counter and Bristol.

The Lodge then closed in the Grand Lodge Degree, and opened in the Scarlet Degree.

The following report from the M. W. Grand Master was then submitted :

GRAND MASTER'S REPORT.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West, I. O. O. F.:

Officers and Representatives,—Once again we are assembled for the purpose of deliberating upon the affairs of our Order. Let us first from our hearts offer thanksgiving to God, who through another year has vouchsafed to us so much prosperity, harmony and peace. Let us also invoke His divine favor, to aid us in our great work in the future, and while thus met together in friendly conclave, may we cherish the most kindly feelings and sympathies for our whole brotherhood ; remembering those of our Order in the neighboring nation, who are called upon to endure great and sore trial, in the midst of dire turmoil, war and destruction ; and while we deplore the circumstances in which they are placed, we should be truly thankful that these very circumstances are so developing the intrinsic excellence of our beloved Order, as to make plain the fact, that it by far excels all other human institutions. May God of His great mercy soon bring light out of the darkness, and establish that land in peace, good government and perfect liberty to all.

1. It has not been possible for me to do that which it was my full purpose to accomplish at the beginning of the year, namely, to visit all or nearly all the Subordinate Lodges in this Jurisdiction. I fully concur with the Committee on the State of the Order, of last year, as to the good to be secured by such a course, and assure you that it would have afforded me great pleasure to have made the personal acquaintance of the brothers of the several Lodges, but circumstances altogether beyond my control, prevented the fulfilment of the purpose. Having been debarred this pleasure, it affords me great gratification, to report to you that from what I have been able to learn, our Order was never more prosperous in Canada, than at the present time—the number of initiations and degrees conferred being nearly double that of last year, the funds of the several Lodges are steadily on the increase, the total receipts being about twenty-five per cent more than last year, while the amount expended for relief bears evidence, both of the ability and willingness of the Order to fulfil its duties in this respect, and last, though by no means least, every Lodge has made its semi-annual returns. From a careful perusal of these, and the reports of D. D. Grand Masters

which will be laid before you, I feel sure that you will arrive at the same favorable estimate of the prosperity of the Order.

2. As a consequence of the foregoing, the financial affairs of the Grand Lodge are in a much more healthy state than in former years, so much so that had I been aware of the amount at its credit in sufficient time to have notified the several Subordinate Lodges, I should have deemed that the proper time had arrived for carrying out the recommendation of the special committee on Testimonial to Bro. J. R. Peel, adopted at the last session. I would therefore recommend this matter to your special attention at this Session.

During the year I have received communications from the Grand Lodges of Kansas and Minnesota respecting the purchase of Charters, and as they appeared anxious to obtain a supply of these from us, I fully expected I would have been able to announce that a sale had been effected, but the high rate of exchange has for the present prevented the accomplishment of this object.

3. In January last I received a petition from five brothers, asking that a Lodge be instituted in the town of Windsor, to be hailed and known as "Frontier Lodge." Believing that the opening of a Lodge in that place would be productive of much good, and rejoicing in the opportunity of adding yet another to our family of Lodges, I issued a warrant, and not being able to visit Windsor myself, deputed D. D. Grand Master Marquand, of Chatham to conduct the ceremony of opening the Lodge. My thanks are due, and are hereby tendered to Bro. Marquand, for the alacrity with which he accepted the responsibility, and the duty I am happy to say he very satisfactorily performed on the 29th of the same month, instituting the Lodge and installing the officers. And now, as the result, we have with us, a Representative of that Lodge, for whom I bespeak your brotherly consideration and regard. This, the youngest member of our fraternity has already outstripped many of her older sisters, and bids fair shortly to make even the strongest of them to look well to their laurels, lest she take her place in the foremost of all. I have great pleasure in recommending that a Charter be granted for "Frontier Lodge, No. 45."

4. As another proof of the satisfactory manner in which the affairs of the Order have been conducted during the past year, I would adduce the fact, that in no case have I been called upon to decide in the matter of appeal, and in but one instance have I been asked for a decision, namely, in the following matter: D. D. Grand Master Bristol, on behalf of Samaritan Lodge, enquired—"if they would be justified in inviting and introducing into the Lodge as visitors, persons from the United States who were well posted in Oddfellowship, and who could convince a committee of three that they had been instructed in the five degrees of our Order; but owing to the unsettled state of affairs in the United States, were not in possession of the ordinary papers and could not produce them," to which I replied they would not be justified in admitting the parties, as only those brothers could be admitted as visitors who can prove themselves members in *good standing* of some other Lodge of our Order.

5. In accordance with the decision of the Grand Lodge at its Session of 1862, with regard to cancelling original Dispensations. I have to report that in September last that of Eureka Lodge was cancelled, thus leaving the original Dispensation of Brock Lodge the only one of that class uncancelled. I would recommend that the D. D. Grand Master for that Lodge be instructed to cancel the same.

6. The R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, at its last Session, through the prompt and energetic action of our R. W. Grand Representative, very handsomely conceded to this Grand Lodge, the right of dealing with the matter of the admission of members of the Manchester Unity, to our fellowship; it will therefore be incumbent on you to take the subject into your serious consideration. On this, I need say nothing more, as I have no doubt the R. W. Grand Representative, Bro. Bingham, will in his report, bring this subject prominently before you.

7. The members of Long Point Lodge have made alterations in their By-laws, which I have approved of, subject to your decision.

The whole machinery of the Order having run so smoothly, has rendered the work of your Officers far less onerous than it would otherwise have been; still, the fact of the Grand Master and the R. W. Grand Secretary residing in different localities, has involved a very considerable amount of correspondence; and in this connection, I beg to tender my warmest thanks to the R. W. Grand Secretary, Brother Smith, who has proved himself a most efficient officer, prompt, vigilant and courteous.

And now, brothers, having thus laid before you an abstract of the work of my department, permit me to urge that you address yourselves heartily to the work of the Session. Many of you it has been my privilege to meet on former occasions, in which we have had pleasant intercourse; some are now with us for the first time. To all, I trust, this will prove a season of profit and interest, and that, when we separate, we shall return to our respective places more fully imbued than ever with the conviction, that our work and principles demand from each and every one of us our best efforts in promoting the welfare of our several Lodges, and in extending, as far as practicable, the beneficent influence of our beloved Order.

In conclusion, I thank you for the honor conferred upon me, and shall ever hold in grateful remembrance the kindly feelings evinced towards me by all the brotherhood with whom I have had official or other intercourse.

JAMES WOODYATT,
Grand Master.

Rep. Bro. T. James moved, seconded by Rep. W. A. Glover, that the Grand Master's Report be referred to the Special Committee for the distribution of the various subjects to appropriate Committees.—Carried.

The R. W. Grand Secretary and Treasurer submitted the following Report:

GRAND SECRETARY AND TREASURER'S REPORT.

Most Worthy Grand Master, Officers and Members of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West, I. O. O. F.:

BRETHREN,—How truly thankful we all ought to be to that kind Providence, who has been graciously pleased to spare us through all the trials, dangers and vicissitudes which all mankind have in some way to undergo. Yes, brothers, another year has rolled away since last we met in annual session—a year of trial to some, of sorrow to many, and of varied experience to all.

When we look back at our last gathering, it seems but yesterday. The kinds words of greeting have hardly died upon our ears; the warm farewell grasp seems yet to linger upon our hands, when lo! Mother Earth, who has been paying her annual visit, in her own "round about way," and now just returning, smiles and pertly says, that it only took her twelve months to perform her journey. Brethren, like her, we are likewise journeying on to Eternity; then pray let all make good use of the time allotted us, none know how soon we may arrive at that bourne from whence no traveller has ever returned. And while these thoughts press hard upon us, and perhaps sadden our hearts as we gather in annual session, let us not fail to lift from our inmost souls the voice of gratitude and thanksgiving to the Almighty Disposer of events, whose fatherly kindness has spared our lives, and permitted us once more to meet for the purpose of disseminating the glorious principles of our beloved Order; yes, brethren, of making known to the world, that there is no way so good to guard against the ills of this life, as in practising the duties in connection with Friendship, Love and Truth.

I take pride in submitting an account of my stewardship in the duties of my office, and in doing so have much pleasure to state, that, notwithstanding the very up-hill work our Order has had to undergo for the past year, that now, at the close thereof, statements will show that this Grand Lodge never was in a better position, especially in a financial point of view, since its first organization than at the present time.

As soon as time would permit after the last session, I compiled the proceedings thereof, of which, according to instructions, I had one hundred and fifty copies printed, and which I distributed by sending numbers to all the officers of the Grand Lodge, all subordinate Lodges in our Jurisdiction, likewise to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, to each of the Grand Lodges of the different States, and also to all the Grand Encampments whose address I was in possession of.

In return I beg to acknowledge the receipt of Journals of Proceedings from the following, viz.: The R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, the Grand Lodges of Maryland, Pennsylvania, Northern New York, Missouri, Kansas, Wisconsin, Tennessee, Connecticut, California, Maine, Ohio, Illinois, Iowa, Indiana, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Kansas, Oregon, Kentucky and Michigan. Also Journals from Grand Encampments as follows: The States of Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, New Jersey, Indiana, Massachusetts, Missouri, Iowa, New Hampshire, all of which proclaim the glad tidings, that the good cause of our Order is rapidly progressing, and that the unhappy strife and discord which has for some time past and is still raging in their midst, has tended much to emblazon and make known to the world at large the noble work of our institution, raising it more and more every day in the estimation of the public, so that a brilliant future may be expected. We ought to feel proud to be enrolled under such a noble Banner, on which is written those sublime words: "We command you to visit the sick, relieve the distressed, bury the dead, and educate the orphan." With such beautiful sentiments, ought we not each and every one of us to try our best to advance its interests? Yes, brethren, let all be working bees in the hive of Odd Fellowship; permit no drones, if possible, to remain, but let all give a helping hand to push our cause onward. If each and every member will only have a will, they can easily find the way to do good and to uphold our noble Institution.

1. Brethren, for the consideration of this Grand Body, I have much pleasure in submitting for your deliberation all correspondence in connection with this Grand Lodge, which has come into my possession during my term of office, and which comprises communications from the R. W. Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the United States, from the Secretary of the Wildey Monument Committee, from the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Woodyatt, and from all the Lodges in our Jurisdiction.

2. In accordance with resolution on page 262 of our Journal, relative to Ontario Lodge, as soon as possible after the session of this Grand Lodge, I sent enclosed to Bro. McDonald, who last acted as D. D for that district, a copy of said resolution to each of the brothers, as follows, viz: Bros. McDonald, Job Tame, H. Huff, W. Grundy, H. Mason, W. Deering, John McLeod, R. A. Goodwin, H. J. Bradley, W. Hargraft, J. Launcely, and at the same time requested that if any one of them would make up their minds to comply with the demand, to be so kind as to reply on or before the 1st of July last. I am sorry to inform this Grand body that up to the present time no communication from any of the above mentioned brothers (not even from Bro. McDonald to whom I specially wrote), have been received.

3. The resolution on page 266, relative to the brethren of Elgin Lodge, I likewise made known to the members of that Lodge, who were reported as having been good on the books at the time of the breaking up thereof, whose names are as follows: Bros. John Lindop, Thomas Lindop, N. W. Moore, Elijah Moore, Henry Brown, John Mitchell, Charles Lawrence, James Mitchell, R. Cochrane, O. E. Benton, A. Waltheren, Wm. Martin, George Newcombe and Joseph Laing, and of them also I begged in vain an early reply.

4. With reference to resolution on page 268, relative to granting cards of clearance to Bros. Dunbar, John and James Conroy, members of Rose Lodge, whom I also wrote to in connection with said resolution, I have much pleasure to announce that a communication has been received from Bros. Dunbar and John Conroy, praying for Cards of Clearance, and which communication is respectfully submitted for your consideration.

NOTE.—A copy of amendments to By-Laws of Long Point Lodge which has been submitted to the M. W. Grand Master, and has received his sanction, is laid before your Grand Body for consultation thereon.

5. I have received from Imperial Lodge, a notice of amendment in their By-Laws, which is herewith likewise submitted.

6. In connection with the Wildey Monument Fund I communicated with all Lodges in our Jurisdiction, who had not up to the time of the meeting of this Grand Lodge last year, subscribed thereto. The appeal has had the effect of drawing from the members of Chatham Lodge $6 00, and Rond Eau Lodge $2 00, the amount of which is included in receipts for the past year, and subject to the disposal to right quarters by this Grand Lodge. I likewise expected that other Lodges not yet heard from on the subject will send by their Representatives a further augmentation to the good cause.

By direction of the M. W. Grand Master, I attended to his commands and cancelled the dispensation of Eureka Lodge, which had been granted thereto by the R. W. Grand Lodge of the U. S.

7. The Semi-Annual Returns for both terms have been duly received from all the Lodges in our Jurisdiction, and nearly all of them

showing that a steady increase was taking place, and that those who were being admitted, were men creditable to themselves, and likely to be creditable to the Order in general.

Brethren, I have much pleasure to state that upon an invitation from the new Lodge lately opened, viz: Frontier Lodge at Windsor, I attended to assist at a demonstration by that Lodge on the 30th June last. I was accompanied by Grand Rep. to G. L. of U. S. Bro. Bingham, N. G. of Forest City Lodge, Bro. Beltz, as well as more of the brethren of London, and a goodly number from Chatham. Everything passed off most agreeably, and seemingly to the satisfaction of all. From the rapid strides taken by Frontier Lodge, and by the manner in which all the brethren thereof work together, I am sanguine that great good to our Order may be derived therefrom, especially having it so near the border of our Jurisdiction. It may not be out of place to state here, that our utmost thanks are due to our brethren in Detroit, Michigan, for the uniform kindness and fraternal good will which they have at all times exhibited (as I am so informed) to the members of Frontier Lodge, since the date of its institution. I can speak from personal observation, as regards the day of the celebration, as a mighty host from Detroit attended, and many more would have been present, were it not for the unsettled state of the weather on the morning of the day in question. I sincerely hope that the same good feeling will ever exist, not only there, but among all Odd Fellows.

8. Herewith I beg also to submit to this Grand Lodge the Semi-Annual Reports from all the Lodges in its Jurisdiction. I believe my predecessors in office have ever had some little cause for complaining as to the proper filling up thereof. I fancy that of the present Reports there is not much cause for complaint, still I find that some discrepancies in minor matters are therein; in connection with which I would strongly advise this Grand Lodge to adopt some plan whereby each Lodge could submit semi-annually a list of all brothers on their books, and the amount each has paid during the term. I feel sanguine that this Grand Lodge would receive much benefit thereby, as from the present system of new Secretaries coming into office, it cannot be expected that full and correct Reports can be at all times made out.

9. As a source of a slight revenue to this Grand Lodge, and which it is constitutionally entitled to, I would suggest that steps be taken to provide a law whereby all Lodges in this Jurisdiction may be supplied with all necessary blank forms for the working of a Lodge, and that no Lodge have power to get printed for its own use any such blank forms as are kept by this Grand Lodge for the use of its subordinates. I find that Grand Lodges on the American Continent adopt this plan and would therefore recommend that we do likewise.

10. The Income and Expenditure for the past year is herewith respectfully submitted, and which I have no doubt will give satisfaction to all:

JAMES SMITH, GRAND SECRETARY AND TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE R. W. GRAND LODGE OF C. W., I. O. O. F.

TO CASH RECEIVED.

1863.			
August 7,	To Cash from late Treasurer	$258 44	
" "	" Cash from Forest City Lodge for 5 Withdrawal Cards	1 25	
" "	" Subscription from Lodges to Wildey Monument Fund		
Jan'y 14,	" Avon Lodge, No. 41	6 00	
April 3,	" St. Marys Lodge, No. 36	6 00	
July 8,	" Imperial Lodge No. 37	2 00	

July 16,	"	Excelsior Lodge, No. 44		$3 00	
July 16,	"	Gore Lodge, No. 34		6 00	
August 5,	"	Forest City Lodge, No. 38		8 26	
" 5,	"	Eureka Lodge, No. 30		9 50	
" 5,	"	Long Point Lodge, No. 42		5 00	
					45 75
1864.					
Jan'y 18,	"	Brock Lodge, No. 9,	Percentage	$ 8 72	19 50
July 15,	"	" " " "	"	10 78	
Jan'y 8,	"	Union Lodge, No. 16	"	29 88	52 42
July 11,	"	" " "	"	22 54	
Feb 19,	"	Chatham Lodge, No. 29	"	13 38	21 09
July 25,	"	" " "	"	7 71	
Feb 5,	"	Eureka Lodge, No 30	"	19 17	43 08
July 20,	"	" " "	"	23 91	
Feb 7,	"	Erie Lodge, No. 33	"	16 71	26 69
July 15,	"	" " "	"	9 98	
Feb 19,	"	Gore Lodge, No. 34	"	6 47	12 45
July 6,	"	" " "	"	5 98	
Feb 3,	"	Samaritan Lodge, No. 35	"	2 20	5 84
July 15,	"	" " "	"	3 64	
Feb 5,	"	St. Mary's Lodge, No. 36	"	10 26	19 34
July 15,	"	" " "	"	9 08	
Jan'y 15,	"	Imperial Lodge, No. 37	"	3 14	7 01
July 16,	"	" " "	"	3 87	
Jan'y 5,	"	Forest City Lodge, No. 38	"	15 53	52 49
July 3,	"	" " "	"	36 96	
Feb 6,	"	Rond Eau Lodge, No. 40	"	2 28	9 88
July 13,	"	" " "	"	7 60	
Feb 12,	"	Avon Lodge, No. 41	"	6 43	12 89
	"	" " "	"	6 46	
Feb 7,	"	Long Point Lodge, No. 42	"	7 98	14 32
Feb 13,	"	" " "	"	6 34	
Feb 25,	"	Thames Lodge, No. 43	"	2 40	6 46
July 15,	"	" " "	"	4 06	
Feb 26,	"	Excelsior Lodge, No. 44	"	13 44	22 02
July 8,	"	" " "	"	8 58	
July 12,	"	Frontier Lodge, No. 45	"		54 26
Jan'y 27,	"	" " "	Dispensation and Charter		30 00
July 12,	"	Chatham Lodge, subscription to Wildey Monument Fund			6 00
March 8,	"	Union Lodge, for one dozen cards			3 00
May 30,	"	Rond Eau Lodge, subscription to Wildey Mon. Fund			2 00
"	"	Erie Lodge, Supplies			1 30
July 4,	"	Long Point Lodge, Supplies			0 30
" 6,	"	Gore Lodge,	"		0 30
" 6,	"	Forest City Lodge,	"		3 30
" 15,	"	Brock Lodge,	"		4 80
" 11,	"	Union Lodge,	"		0 30
" 25,	"	Chatham Lodge,	"		0 30
" 20,	"	Eureka Lodge,	"		4 05
" 15,	"	St. Marys Lodge,	"		0 30
" 16,	"	Imperial Lodge,	"		0 30
" 15,	"	Thames Lodge,	"		0 30
" 8,	"	Excelsior Lodge,	"		2 75
" 12,	"	Frontier Lodge,	"		20 51
" 28,	"	Forest City Lodge,	"		3 00
" 15,	"	Samaritan Lodge,	"		1 80
" 15,	"	Union Lodge, Subscription to Wildey Monument Fund			10 00
Total,					$779 79

BY CASH PAID FROM AUGUST 7TH, 1863, TO AUGUST 4TH, 1864, INCLUSIVE.

1863.			
August 7.	By paid mileage and per diem of Officers and Grand Lodge Representatives at the Session held at St Marys, viz:		
"	By Rep. to G. L. of U. S., Bro. S. G. Dolson	$ 11	24
"	" Past Grand Master, H. C. Bingham	7	00
"	" P. D. Grand Master, Henry Sewell	3	80
"	" P. Grand Warden, John Harrison	3	00
"	" P. Grand Secretary and Treasurer, James Woodyatt	7	00
"	" Representative from Brock Lodge No. 9, John Taylor	27	56
"	" 2 Reps. from Union Lodge No. 16, T. Healy and J. D. Tait,	22	48
"	" Rep. from Chatham Lodge No. 29, George W. Huson	9	80
"	" 2 Reps. Eureka Lodge No. 30, T. Brown and R. Kirkpatrick	9	36
"	" Representative from Erie Lodge No. 33, V. S. Milks	8	68
"	" " Gore Lodge No. 34, Thomas James	7	00
"	" " St. Marys Lodge No. 36, John McLean	3	00
"	" " Imperial Lodge No. 37, John Findlay,	7	00
"	" " Forest City Lodge No. 38, James Smith	4	68
"	" " Rond Eau Lodge No. 40, P. D. Fraser,	11	24
"	" " Samaritan Lodge No. 35, Abel Bristol,	6	20
"	" " Avon Lodge No. 41, E. F. Ryerson	3	80
"	" " Long Point Lodge No. 42, Jno. Wetherly	8	60
"	" " Thames Lodge No. 43, J. M. O'Connor	4	84
"	" " Excelsior Lodge No. 44, Arch'd Frew,	6	37
"	" " Paid Committee's expenses to Elgin Lodge, viz: Bros. Bissell, Wigmore and Brown	5	47
Sept. 1.	" " Paid Rep. Tax to G.L.U.S., $75, less $15	60	00
"	" " Subscription to Wildey Mon. Fund	45	75
"	" " Dawson & Bro., printing Journal of Proceedings	28	00
April 10.	" " W. L. Carry, Stationery	6	90
Aug. 3.	" " Grand Master's account, postage, &c.	3	43
"	" " Postage, express charges, stationery, &c	15	04
"	" " Traveling chest for G. Lodge purposes,	6	25
"	" " Dawson & Bro., Printing	39	00
"	" " W. L. Carry, Stationery	4	75
Aug. 4.	" " Balance	392	54
	Total	$779	79

STOCK ON HAND AUGUST 3, 1864.

Banner, Regalia and Emblems	$ 6	00
Balance of Regalia, Ontario Lodge	5	00
1 Working Book	2	50
1 Degree Book	2	50
2 Rebecca Degree Books, at $1.25	2	50
3 Public Installation Books, at $1.25	3	75
8 Degree Books, at $2.00	16	00
88 Visiting Cards, at 25c	22	00
68 Withdrawal Cards, at 25c	17	00
Amount due by Excelsior Lodge	27	00
Amount due by Erie Lodge	4	00
272 Blank Treasurer's Bonds, cost $1.25, sell for 5c	13	60
895 Blank Reports of Committees on applications, cost 40c per 100, sell for 2c	17	90
386 Blank Propositions for Membership, cost 50c. per 100, sell for 2c	7	22
295 Blank Representative Certificates, cost 70c. per 100, sell for 2c	5	90
500 Installation Odes, at 6c	30	00
63 Blank Orders for Supplies, cost $1.00 per 100, sell for 3c	1	89
29 Blank Rules and Regulations, at 10c	2	90
1 Charter Stone and Drawing thereon	52	50
48 Blank Charters for sale at $2.00	96	00
68 Blank Charters for use of this Grand Lodge, at $2.00	136	00
31 Past Grand Certificates, cost 70c. per 100, sell for 2c	0	62
Blank Semi-Annual Reports, Letter Headings, &c., value	10	00
Total	$483	28

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Abstract from the Semi-Annual Reports of the Subordinate Lodges, under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada West, for the year ending 30th June, 1864.

LODGE.	No.	LOCATION	Initiated.	Rejected.	Admitted by Card.	Reinstated.	Expelled.	Deaths.	Members in arrears not suspended.	Suspended.	Ceased for N. P. D.	Contribut'g Members	Degrees Conferred.	Brothers Relieved.	Widows Relieved.	Withdrawn by Card.	Paid for Relief of Brothers.	Paid for Relief of Widowed Families.	Educating Orphans.	Burying the Dead.	Total Relief.	Amount of Annual Receipts.	Widow and Orphan Fund.	General Fund.
Brock	9	Brockville	7	..	1	..	..	..	18	12	4	30	32	2	..	..	$18 00	$120	....	$15 00	$153 00	$218 20	$1150 00	$ 75 00
Union	16	St. Catharines	9	1	..	..	..	1	32	23	...	72	23	1	4	..	95 00	160	.....	11 25	266 25	607 44	2040 78	2628 51
Chatham	29	Chatham	7	1	..	..	..	1	3	3	2	29	26	6	..	3	45 00	....	....	20 00	65 00	234 75	267 40	85 83
Eureka	30	London	13	1	1	..	..	3	13	..	..	63	22	10	2	2	100 00	70	....	106 45	276 45	489 73	979 44	674 94
Erie	33	Port Burwell	9	..	..	2	...	...	...	2	...	53	13	2	..	..	19 00	21	.....	.....	19 00	199 58	456 91	246 28
Gore	34	Brantford	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	2	23	..	3	1	..	16 50	20	7 50	.....	45 00	149 40	719 66	193 06
Samaritan	35	Ingersoll	..	1	..	..	..	...	16	..	..	9	7	1	1	..	5 00	....	.....	.....	25 00	67 28	286 97	76 61
St. Mary's	36	St. Mary's	8	..	..	..	..	...	14	..	1	27	24	5	..	..	46 50	....	....	15 00	61 50	216 42	462 00	1200 00
Imperial	37	Burford	1	..	....	1	..	..	14	2	..	14	5	..	..	..	.....	....	....	.....	.....	96 64	173 64	70 00
Forest City	38	London	25	...	..	1	..	..	4	8	..	60	60	8	..	3	44 00	....	....	.....	44 00	574 15	575 15	1083 08
Rond Eau	40	Rond Eau	1	..	..	1	..	..	8	..	5	15	20	..	..	2	.....	....	....	.....	.....	110 84	136 15	.....
Avon	41	Stratford	3	..	..	..	..	..	17	6	..	17	15	1	..	1	8 00	.....	....	15 00	23 00	147 52	100 00	.....
Long Point	42	Simcoe	4	1	...	..	..	..	4	5	..	21	18	1	..	1	47 00	....	....	.....	47 00	163 46	75 85	58 69
Thames	43	Mitchell	4	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	2	11	4	..	..	..	.....	....	....	.....	.....	72 81	26 72	21 00
Excelsior	44	Hamilton	11	..	2	..	..	..	3	..	..	23	..	..	..	..	.....	....	....	.....	.....	233 13	36 82	.....
Frontier	45	Windsor	40	3	6	..	..	..	..	1	..	45	145	..	...	..	.....	....	....	15 00	15 00	552 89	15 33	225 81
			142	8	10	5	..	5	156	62	16	512	414	40	8	12	444 00	391	7 50	197 70	1040 20	4104 24	7502 82	6638 21

11. The foregoing Abstract or Statistical Table will in itself give evidence as to the progress in every way of each of the Subordinate Lodges of and under the control of the Grand Lodge.

12. I also submit on page 176 a statement and valuation of Stock on hand. Having had to get a quantity of blanks printed, and which I did by order of the M. W. Grand Master, I now include it in the Stock Account, as submitted herewith, and for future guidance, showing what they cost, and at what rate I thought would be very light for Subordinates to pay, and what I expect would be a slight benefit to this Grand Lodge,

13. Brethren,—I would strongly recommend that the officers and members of this Grand Lodge use their best endeavors to have all members in this Jurisdiction subscribe to the American *Odd Fellow*, published in New York, by Bro. J. W. Orr. It is a work solely got up for the benefit of Odd Fellowship. It is a highly commendable Journal, and a book no Odd Fellow ought to be without (and will only cost $1.00 in gold with 12c per annum postage.)

Brethren, when at the last session of the Grand Lodge you kindly honored and pressed me to take the office I now hold, and have tried to occupy with honor to you and credit to myself, I then refused to accept it, principally on the grounds of not having sufficient time that I would wish to devote to the duties in connection with such office, not from the lack of energy to forward the good and noble cause. No, nothing would give me greater pleasure than to try in my humble way to advance the interests of our Institution in every particular, as I then said. I now say likewise, that time did not permit me to attend to the duties required of me, or as I should wish to have done. All I can say is, that I did all I could, to the best of my ability, and should any errors or omissions be found in the work submitted for your consideration I trust that such lenity will be shown me as to you will seem fit.

I must here thank the Grand Master for his special kindness in giving me all the information which I at different times required of him, also to Grand Representative, Bro. Bingham, for his advice and kindness during the past year, the Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Brown likewise, the Grand Warden Bro. Kirkpatrick and to the Grand Marshall Bro. Wigmore, who duly assisted me in the work of my department; and to all the Brothers generally, who have ever treated me with marked and kind respect, and in every way as Odd Fellows ought to do.

In conclusion, Brethren, accept my heartfelt thanks for the honor conferred upon me in placing me in nearly the highest place within your gift, and in which position I trust my successor, at the end of his term will have it in his power to report much more favorably, as to the advancement of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and of which society I am more than proud to be a member.

Respectfully submitted, by yours faithfully and fraternally,

JAMES SMITH, *Grand Secretary and Treasurer.*

On motion of Rep. Counter and seconded by Rep. James, it was

Resoled,—That the Secretary's Report be referred to the Committee on Distribution.

The Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of the United States submitted the following report:

GRAND REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West I. O. O. F:

DEAR BRETHREN,—It gives me pleasure, as your Representative to the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States, to comply with the usage which requires from me an abstract of the Proceedings of that Grand Body. This pleasure is the greater, because I am enabled to assure you of a general revival in our Order.

Seldom, if ever, have the reports of the different Grand Lodges shown greater progress or efficiency in everything that constitutes strength and success; and in the practice of the fundamental principles of our Order, I believe the work of the past year has far surpassed everything in the history of Odd Fellowship.

Human suffering was never so wide spread upon this Continent, for destitute Widows and Orphans, and sick, maimed, and dying men are everywhere met. Appeals for help and sympathy have consequently been made at the doors and hearts of everyone, and while all have done nobly and given cheerfully and liberally, and seem willing and determined to do so to the end, Odd Fellows have really covered themselves and their Lodges with glory, by the prompt and self-denying manner in which they have fulfilled their pledges and the requirements of our laws. Not satisfied with this, they have so far exceeded all ordinary practice, that Odd Fellowship has almost become a business, to which not merely a few men devote their time and talents, but in which whole Lodges are zealously engaged. The greater difficulties and burthens seem to be overcome with the greatest ease. It seems more than ever true that the practice of virtue is a two-fold blessing, and especially has it proved true of the benevolent and charitable practices of our Order, blessing both the giver and the receiver, for in those Lodges and Jurisdictions where most has been required by far the most has been done, and as a consequence we invariably see in those cases the greatest prosperity. I believe the necessity for our Order was never more strongly felt than at the present day, and that its attendant blessings were never so gratefully appreciated and acknowledged.

In September last, all the Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments of the North were fully represented in Grand Lodge at Baltimore, with the exception of the Lower Provinces and Vermont and Tennessee, and through her Representatives were again welcomed by one and all to the Grand Council of our Order. Western Virginia, too, is seeking recognition as a Grand Jurisdiction, while from every quarter of the South, through sometimes very difficult channels, come up to us words of good cheer and hope, regarding the perpetuity of the Independent Order, as an undivided brotherhood upon this continent.

By way of relief to the Order in Tennessee, the Rep. taxes for 1861 and 1862, still unpaid, were cancelled, and a quantity of supplies were also voted, free of cost, to enable the Lodges there to resume work if possible.

In the raid upon the city of Lawrence, in Kansas, last year, the Treasurer of that Grand Lodge was killed and robbed of all his money, together with the entire fund of that Jurisdiction, and as a temporary aid the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the United States was authorized to settle by note the Representative Tax of Kansas for the year 1864, if so requested.

The Wildey Monument Fund already assumes very respectable

proportions, amounting in September last to $5,922.28, and from accounts received during the current year, I doubt not very nearly as large a sum will be added thereto this fall. It is expected that plans for a monument will be submitted in September next.

The whole number of Lodges and Encampments represented at last Session was 3,262, with a membership of 151,177; Initiations for the term ending July, 1863, numbered 12,636; Brethren relieved, 17,348; Widowed families relieved, 2,158; total amount expended in relief of Brothers, Widows and Orphans, Education, and in burying the dead, was $434,395.28. Add to this the ordinary and incidental expenses of the different Lodges for rents, taxes, insurance, light, fuel, &c., of which we can all judge from the records of our respective Lodges, and we shall have an expenditure for the year, under the provisions of our Laws for benevolent purposes, considerably exceeding $1,000,000; while indirectly and informally, through the instrumentality of Odd Fellows and their Lodges, I believe fully as much more is contributed, of which our Order preserves no record. And all these figures, we must remember (on account of the war), represent but little more than half of our real numbers and work in America.

Several ineffectual attempts at Constitutional amendments were tried. The following new amendments were proposed:

1st. To amend the second paragraph of the 14th Article of the Constitution, by striking out "75" and inserting "50."

2d. Amend Article 16 as follows:—Provided also that such Jurisdictions as choose to do so may re-admit to membership within their respective Jurisdictions, upon such terms as they may prescribe, suspended members of the Order therein residing, who may have been suspended elsewhere for non-payment of dues, but for no other cause.

3d. Amend second paragraph, 14th Article, by striking out "75" and inserting "60."

4th. Amend second paragraph, 14th Article, by striking out the words, "and Encampments," after the words "Grand Lodges," and inserting after the words "$75," the words "and Encampments $50."

The following decisions were made, which I have thought well to embody in this Report:

1st. The Junior Past Grand is not strictly an officer of the Lodge, but it is improper to elect him to any office in the Lodge, because it is his duty to occupy the Past Grand's chair one term, and to deliver the P. G.'s charge to candidates.

2nd. A Grand Master has no right to take the Noble Grand's chair, to prevent that officer from submitting an illegal motion. If the Noble Grand persists in violation of law and his obligations, it is the duty of the Grand Master to inform the Lodge, that unless it shall require its officers to conform to law, he will proceed against it for insubordination. The official relations of a Grand Master are not with the Noble Grand, but with the Lodge itself.

3rd. All proceedings had by Lodges in reference to balloting for or conferring Degrees, must be recorded in a book kept exclusively for that purpose.

4th. The form in reference to working in Degrees, adopted by this Grand Lodge, in 1852, shall be used in all Lodges when opened for the purpose of ballot, or to confer degrees.

5th. The Grand Sire has no legal right to authorize a Grand Master to communicate the A. T. P. to a brother holding a Withdrawal Card, to enable him to visit a Subordinate Lodge. A Grand Master, or other elective officer of a Grand Lodge, may, if properly satisfied, vouch for and introduce a brother holding an unexpired Withdrawal Card, into any Subordinate Lodge in the Jurisdiction to which the said Grand Officer belongs.

6th. A member in good standing in a Lodge or Encampment may be elected to and installed into office in the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment to which his Lodge or Encampment is subordinate, although he does not reside in the State in which the Grand Body is located, provided there be no prohibition in the local law.

7th. An Encampment that "works" in the German and English languages, may have two sets of Charge Books, one set in each language.

8th. A Noble Grand has the right to invite a Past Grand to occupy the chair during initiation and conferring degreees.

9th. Grand and Subordinate Lodges under the Jurisdiction of the G. L. U. S. are hereafter empowered to receive into their membership, by initiation, persons who retain membership in the Manchester Unity of Odd Fellows.

10th. Lodges are bound for the payment of funeral benefits or expenses, even when no expense is incurred, by the relatives of the brother, in his burial.

The subject of revision is still under discussion, and there is a possibility that something may be accomplished in that line in September next.

Upon the special invitation of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, the Grand Lodge of the United States unanimously resolved to hold its next Session in the City of Boston.

A strict adherence to that maxim of our Order which banishes party and sect from our councils, continues to secure to our Annual Sessions perfect harmony and good will, and is the best and only guarantee for continued unity and prosperity among Odd Fellows, whether in the G. L. U. S., or in our own Grand or Subordinate Lodges.

While in Canada we are enabled to congratulate ourselves upon the enjoyment of the blessings of peace within our borders, let us never cease to bear in mind the difficulties and sore afflictions through which our brethren and the entire people of the United States are now passing, and let us earnestly hope and pray that they may soon come forth united and strong, pure and undefiled, from the trial of patience, courage and suffering, scarcely paralleled in the history of the world.

In conclusion I take pleasure in acknowledging the honor conferred upon me at your last session in my election as your Grand Representative, and also to reassure you of the special interest taken in this Jurisdiction, and the courtesy and hearty good will with which your Representatives are uniformly welcomed by the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Fraternally and obediently yours,

H. C. BINGHAM,

Grand Representative.

G. Secretary James Smith moved, seconded by Grand Marshall R. Wigmore, the following which was adopted:

Resolved,—That the report of the Grand Rep. to the G. L. of U. S. be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

The Committee on Distribution presented the following Report, which was adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West I. O. O. F.

Your Special Committee on Distribution of Subjects in the Reports of the M. W. Grand Master and R. W. Grand Secretary and Treasurer, have to report as follows, recommending that Clause 1 in reference to the importance of Grand Master's visits to Subordinates; 3, Charter for Frontier Lodge; 4, Grand Master's decision on Samaritan Lodge Inquiry; 5, Brock Lodge Dispensation; and 6, Manchester Unity be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order and Legislation. That Clause 2 (Peel Testimonial) of same Report be referred to Committee on Finance, and that Clause 7, Long Point Amendments, be referred to Committee on Laws of Subordinates.

We also recommend that Clause 1 of Grand Secretary and Treasurer's Report be referred to Committee on Correspondence; Clause 2, 3, 4, 10 and 13, to Committee an State of Order and Legislation; Clause 5 to Committee on Laws of

Subordinates; Clauses 6, 9, 11, 12 to Committee on Finance, and Clauses 7 and 8 to Committee on Returns.

All of which we respectfully submit and move the adoption of the same.

H. C. BINGHAM,
JOHN BARR,
G. WALES,
THOMAS BROWN.

LONDON, August 3rd, 1864.

Bro. Bissell moved, seconded by Bro. O'Connor, that the Lodge do now adjourn till 4 o'clock p. m.

Rep. T. James moved in amendment, seconded by Rep. R. Wigmore, that 5 o'clock p. m., be the hour appointed for re-assembling.

The motions were then placed before the Lodge, and the amendment declared.

The Lodge then adjourned until 5 o'clock, in order to give the several Committees time to prepare their Reports.

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5 O'CLOCK P. M., August 3rd, 1864.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Grand Lodge met and opened in the Scarlet Degree—the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. J. Woodyatt, presiding, and on call of Roll the following Officers and Representatives answered to their names:

Grand Master Bro. Woodyatt, Deputy Grand Master Bro. Brown, Grand Representative H. C. Bingham, G. Secretary and Treasurer Bro. James Smith, Grand Warden Bro. Kirkpatrick, Grand Marshall Bro. R. Wigmore, Grand Conductor Bro. Black, and Grand Guardian Bro. Bissell.

And Reps. James Curle, Samuel G. Dolson, George Wales, Robert O. Smith, Richard Wigmore, George Powell, Wm. A. Glover, Caleb H. Hankinson, Thomas James, Thomas Iredale, Edmund Beitz, John Burns, Geo. F. Counter, James M. O'Connor, and H. McAfee.

The Committee on Credentials submitted an Appendix to their Report, which on motion was carried.

LONDON, August 3rd, 1864.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Credentials do further report, and that the following named Brothers be admitted as members of the Grand Lodge, as we have examined their Certificates and find them correct:

REP. JOHN BARR	*Excelsior Lodge,*	*No.*	44.
" HIRAM SHECK	*Imperial* "	"	37.
" ANDREW J. McCORMICK	*Forest City* "	"	38.
" JOHN C. JACKSON	*Rond Eau* "	"	40.

We therefore submit the following Resolution for adoption:

Resolved,—That the above named brethren be accredited, and take their seats as Representatives in this Grand Lodge.

Your Committee further find that the Certificate of Past Grand John Fergu-

son of Eureka Lodge is correct, and would therefore recommend his admittance to a seat in this Grand Lodge. Be it therefore,

Resolved,—That Bro. Ferguson be instructed in the Grand Lodge degree.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JAMES SMITH,
ROBT. KIRKPATRICK,
RICHARD WIGMORE.

The Committee on Laws of Subordinates submitted the following Report, which was adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West I. O. O. F.

Your Committee on Laws of Subordinates to whom was referred the By-Laws of Frontier Lodge, have examined the same, and find them in accordance with the usages and By-Laws of this Grand Lodge and of the Order.

In reference to Imperial Lodge and their amendments to By-law 35 of their Laws, reducing the Quarterly dues from $1.50 to $1.00, it is strictly in accordance with the decision of this Grand Lodge at its last session. We also approve the amendmenes of their 47th By-law reducing the weekly benefits of Scarlet Degree members from $3 to $2, and the weekly benefits of members of the initiatory or any degree from $2.00 to $1.50.

In reference to the amendments of Long Point Lodge as follows :

Amending Article 10th, changing night of meeting from Tuesday to Wednesday, at the hour of eight o'clock from March 1st to October 1st, and half-past seven from October 1st to March 1st. Amending Article 18th and 19th, by striking out all in reference to Secretaries' salaries. Amending By-law 33 by striking out the last clause of the same in reference to Initiation Fees and substituting the following, viz : From 21 to 30 years of age, $5 ; from 30 to 40, $6, and 50 cents for each additional year from forty to fifty. Amending Article 35, making their dues payable on or before the first regular meeting in each quarter, and declaring the brother in arrears if not so paid. Amending Article 37, making the charge for degrees $1.25 each. Amending Article 47, making the sick benefits of Initiates, and 1st and 2nd degree members, $2.00 per week ; for the 3rd and 4th degree, $2.50 ; and the 5th degree, $3. Amending Article 61, by striking out thirteen and inserting six. Amending 1st clause of Article 65, by striking out fifty and inserting twenty-five ; and the last clause of the same article by striking out twenty-five and inserting fifteen.

We find all matters for their own adjustment subject to the approval of this Grand Lodge, and submit the appended Resolutions :

1st. *Resolved*,—That the By-laws of Frontier Lodge, as submitted, be approved.

2d. *Resolved*,—That the amendments of the By-laws of Imperial Lodge, as submitted, be approved.

3d. *Resolved*,—That the amendments of the By-laws of Long Point Lodge, as submitted, be approved.

Fraternally submitted.

GEORGE POWELL,
R. O. SMITH;
C. H. HANKINSON,
HIRAM SHECK.

The Committtee on Correspondence submitted the following Report, which was adopted :

LONDON, August 3rd, 1864.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West I. O. O F. :

Your Committee, to whom was referred the correspondence of the Grand Master and Grand Secretary, respectfully report that they have examined said correspondence, and find that all matters connected therewith have been fully reported upon by the Grand Master, Grand Secretary, and Grand Representative, in their reports submitted to this Lodge. Your Committee find that all commu-

nications to the Grand Officers have been attended to in a manner that reflects great credit to their officers.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. A. GLOVER,
J. C. JACKSON,
GEORGE POWELL.

The Committee on Finance submitted the following Report;

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West, I. O. O. F.:

We, the Committee on Finance, beg leave to submit the following Report:

We have carefully examined the accounts of the Grand Secretary and Treasurer, and compared them with the vouchers accompanying the same, and find them quite correct, with a cash balance in hand of $374.54.

Your Committee would recommend payment of the following accounts, viz:

R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States for Representative Tax, 1864	$ 75 00
R. W. Grand Lodge for Supplies, &c	66 00
Total	$141 00

Your Committee feel great pleasure in finding the finances of the Grand body in such a healthy and prosperous condition, as shown by the Cash balance in hand, in addition to a large increase of supplies, &c., in the hands of the Grand Secretary, and in consideration of the same, do cheerfully recommend that that portion of the M. W. Grand Master's Report, relative to a suitable testimonial to Bro. J. R. Peel, be now carried out, and in the spirit in which it was originated, and would in furtherance thereof suggest that the present incoming executive officers be instructed to carry out the same.

We are very much gratified with the zeal manifested by the brethren in relation to the Wildey Monument Fund, and are rejoiced to report the sum of $18 additional, to be appropriated for that object.

In conclusion, we beg to submit the following Resolutions:

1st. *Resolved*,—That the account due the G. L. U. S., as bove named, be paid.

2d. *Resolved*,—That the recommendation of the Committee in relation to the Peel Testimonial be adopted.

3d. *Resolved*,—That the Wildey Monument Fund on hand be transmitted through the Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of the United States.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOMAS JAMES,
JOHN BURNS,
THOMAS IREDALE,
A. McCORMICK,

London, August 3rd, 1864.

The Committee on Charter and matters relative thereto, submitted the subjoined Report, which was on motion of Rep. R. Wigmore, seconded by Rep. G. F. Counter, referred to the Committee on Finance:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on the purchase of Lithograph Stone and Drawing, and the printing and sale of Charters therefrom, have to report as follows:

Cost of Stone and Drawing, as per account of Chewett & Co., Toronto	$ 52 50
Cost of Printing 100 Charters	50 00
Express, Postage, and other expenses in Toronto, say	1 50
Total	$104 00

PER CONTRA.

Sold Grand Lodge of Michigan, 52 Charters at $2.00	$104 00
Have on hand 48 unsold at $2.00 each	96 00
Also Lithograph Stone and Drawing, subject to our order at Messrs. Chewett & Co., in Toronto	52 50
Total	$252 50

Deduct from this amount cost of Stone, Printing, &c., and there remains in this matter to the credit of the Grand Lodge in the shape of Stock $148.50.

At the last session of the Grand Lodge your Committee fully expected to be able to dispose of a considerable number of Charters more than they have, but on account of the depreciation of American currency, and consequent high rate of gold and Canadian bills, we have only been able to effect one sale, which fortunately has relieved us from all debt in this matter.

Receipts from Messrs. Chewett & Co., in full of all demands to date accompany this Report, also an acknowledgement from them that the stone and drawing remains in their possession and care, subject to our Order at any time.

Very respectfully,

H. C. BINGHAM,
JAMES WOODYATT,
HENRY SEWELL.

Rep. R. Wigmore moved, seconded by Rep. H. McA'Fee, that this Lodge now adjourn till to-morrow morning at nine o'clock.—Carried.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned.

LONDON, August 4th, 1864.

Pursuant to adjournment the Grand Lodge assembled at 9 o'clock, and opened in the Grand Lodge Degree. The Roll being called the following Officers and Representatives answered to their names.

M. W. Grand Master James Woodyatt, D. G. M., Bro. Brown, G. Rep. to G. L. U. S., Bro. Bingham, Grand Sec. and Treas. Bro. James Smith, G. W. Bro. Kirkpatrick, Grand Marshall, Bro. Wigmore, Grand Conductor, Bro. Black, and G. I. G. Bro. Bissell.

Also Reps. James Curle, Samuel G. Dolson, George Wales, Robert O. Smith, Richard Wigmore, Geo. Powell, Wm. A. Glover, Caleb H. Hankinson, Thomas James, Thomas Iredale, Edmund Beltz, John Burns, Geo. F. Counter, James M. O'Connor, J. C. Jackson, John Barr and H. McA'Fee.

The Grand Marshall, Bro. R. Wigmore, presented the following Reps. viz.: Bro. A. J. McCormick and Bro. Hiram Sheck, together with P. G., John Ferguson, to the Grand Master who instructed the Brothers in the Grand Lodge Degree.

Rep. E. Beltz moved, seconded by Rep. T. James, that the Grand Lodge now close, and open in the Scarlet Degree.—Carried.

Rep. H. McAfee, Chairman of Committee on the State of the Order, presented the following report and resolutions which were severally adopted.

LONDON, August 3d, 1864.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on the State of the Order and Legislation beg leave to submit the following as their report:

1. That portion of the Grand Master's Report contained in Clause 1st, referred to us by Committee on Distribution, wherein the Grand Master admits "that he has not been able to visit the different Lodges in this Jurisdiction as he wished to have done." We are satisfied that while it would have been agreeable and beneficial to the Lodges to have received visits from the Grand Master, yet we are satisfied that whatever has been wanting in this respect, has been amply

made up in other ways, from the fact, that the prosperity, uniformity in working, and increase both numerically and financially, is positive proof that the Order has not suffered from any want of duty on the part of our Most Worthy Grand Master.

2. In clause 3d we see the institution of Frontier Lodge is referred to, which speaks in the highest terms of approbation of Bro. P. G. Marquand of Chatham Lodge, who performed the ceremonies of Institution and Installation. We hereby recommend that the thanks of this Grand Lodge are hereby tendered to Bro. Marquand for having performed this important duty in so satisfactory a manner, hoping that Frontier Lodge may long continue to evince the same degree of energy, usefulness, and increase in membership with which she has started, and that she may ere long successfully rival the oldest and best Lodges amongst us; and though last on the list, may she be one of the first in wealth, talent and ability in the dissemination of the heaven-born principles of our beloved Order, provided always that her members be of the right kind and such as will prove worthy of the Order, and we recommend that a Charter be granted by this Grand Lodge to Frontier Lodge.

3. Clause 4th in Grand Master's Report, in answer to questions from Samaritan Lodge, with regard to admission of members of the Order from the United States, who are not able to produce the requisite documents as proof of membership in good standing, in consequence of the unsettled state of affairs in that country. We recommend that the decision of the Grand Master be confirmed.

4. Clause 5th of Grand Master's Report, with regard to cancelling of original Dispensations; that all have been cancelled except that of Brock Lodge, we would recommend that the Grand Secretary be authorized to communicate with the D. D. G. M. of that Lodge, requesting him to see that said Dispensation is properly cancelled, allowing the Lodge to retain the same in their possession should they wish to do so.

THE GRAND SECRETARY AND TREASURER'S REPORT.

1. It affords us great pleasure in observing the manner in which that officer has discharged the duties of his office, and it is highly satisfactory to your Committee as it is doubtless to the brotherhood of this Jurisdiction, to see the prosperous state of Odd Fellowship in Canada West, as is exhibited in his report, feeling confident that at no time when we have assembled together at our annual meetings in Grand Lodge, have we had so much cause for congratulation and encouragement as at this present Session. Clauses two, three, four, ten and thirteen, being particularly directed to our attention by the Committee on Distribution, we would report on Clause two, that no answer having been received to any communication sent to members of Ontario Lodge, and especially to Bro. McDonald, that no future correspondence or expense be entered into with regard to said Lodge; and that said Lodge with the members thereof, be and are hereby expelled from the Order, and that the resolution adopted by this Grand Lodge, at its last Session on page 160, be strictly carried out; and that no cards be granted unless by satisfactory evidence to this Grand Lodge that they were in good standing and in no way connected with the breaking up of said Lodge, and the full consent of this Grand Lodge thereto. In Clause three as to members of Elgin Lodge we would recommend, as the Grand Lodge at its last Session took all the action necessary, no further legislation is now required.

2. In Clause four, Bros. Dunbar and Conroy having shown a disposition worthy of Odd Fellows, and a proper respect to communications from the Officers of this Grand Lodge at different times, that they be granted cards of clearance from this Grand Lodge, by making proper application and on the usual terms.

3. The By-laws of Long Point Lodge, we have much pleasure in recommending their approval.

4. Clause ten referring to the statistical table, we feel highly pleased with the facts that it presents, showing additional increase in membership over the previous years, and proving thereby to this Grand Lodge that we should still further persevere in the good work. While we continue to enlarge our borders and get in amongst us new material, which we are satisfied, from the experience that we now possess in Oddfellowship, that no new element will be introduced among us which will not prove beneficial to the Order. The statistics otherwise will show for itself, and we have much pleasure in reporting all correct in all its details, and recommend it to the careful perusal of every good and true Oddfellow.

5. In Clause 13th, the Grand Secretary very highly recommends to the patronage of Oddfellows in this Jurisdiction, the monthly periodical entitled the "American Oddfellow," published in New York by P. G. Bro. J. W. Orr. We heartily endorse all that the Grand Secretary has said, feeling assured that it is highly conducive to the Order, to have a work devoted exclusively to the dissemination of the principles and purposes of Oddfellowship. We would recommend that the Brothers of this Jurisdiction patronize liberally the said work, and thus show Bro. Orr, and other Jurisdictions that Canada West will not be behind in advancing that which appertains to the good and welfare of American Oddfellowship. We are also pleased to observe the cordial good feeling expressed by the Grand Secretary and Treasurer towards members for rendering him so much assistance during the past year. We feel that it has been more from the good feeling of these brothers towards the Order generally, than that Brother Smith actually required such assistance. While we have such members at the helm as Brother Smith, and such members to assist him as Bros. Bingham, Brown, Kirkpatrick and Wigmore, the good ship of Oddfellowship in this Jurisdiction will yet be safely anchored, in that peaceful harbor where no Committee are required, no kind brethren called upon to assist; but where the great grand Architect lives and rules supreme, and directs in his mysterious ways the whole machinery of true and never ending Oddfellowship, such as we trust that one and all of us may be initiated into, when passing from this Grand Lodge below to the Grand Lodge above, where he reigns and rules for ever and ever.

We therefore submit for adoption the following:

1. *Resolved*,—That Clause 1st on Grand Master's Report be adopted.
2. *Resolved*,—That Clause 2d on Grand Master's Report be adopted.
3. *Resolved*,—That Clause 3d on Grand Master's Report be adopted.
4. *Resolved*,—That Clause 4th on Grand Master's Report be adopted.

1. *Resolved*,—That Clause 1st on Grand Secretary and Treasurer's Report be adopted.
2. *Resolved*,—That Clause 2d on Grand Secretary and Treasurer's Report be adopted.
3. *Resolved*,—That Clause 3d on Grand Secretary and Treasurer's Report be adopted.
4. *Resolved*,—That Clause 4th on Grand Secretary and Treasurer's Report be adopted.

Respectfully submitted in Friendship, Love and Truth,

HENRY McAFEE,
RICHARD WIGMORE,
THOMAS JAMES,
SAMUEL G. DOLSON,
EDMUND BELTZ.

Rep. T. James, Chairman of Committee on Finance, submitted the following Report and Resolutions as regards Charter Stones, &c., which were adopted.

LONDON, August 3d, 1864.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West I. O. O. F.

Your Finance Committee, to whom was referred the Report of the Committee on the purchase of Lithograph Stones, and the Drawing, Printing, and sale of Charters therefrom, respectfully report as follows:

That the property in the possession of this Grand Lodge, after having deducted all expenses connected with the purchase and printing, &c., &c., of the same, is $148.50.

Your Committee feel that they would be wanting in duty to this Grand Lodge, if they failed to record their high approbation of the zeal and untiring efforts put forth by said Committee; and, while those efforts have not resulted so successfully or as soon as was at one time expected (in consequence of the great depreciation of the American Currency) yet your Committee firmly believe that ere long the best expectations indulged by said Committee will be realized, to the very great advantage of this Grand Lodge.

In conclusion your Committee respectfully submit as follows, viz:

1st. *Resolved*,—That the Report of the Committee on the purchase of Lithograph Stones, Drawing, Printing, and sale of Charters, &c., be adopted.

3d. *Resolved*,—That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are hereby tendered to said Committee.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOMAS JAMES,
ANDREW McCORMICK,
THOMAS IREDALE,
JOHN BURNS.

Rep. John Barr, Chairman of Committee on Returns, submitted the following Report.

LONDON, August 3d, 1864.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West I. O. O. F.

We your Committee on Returns, having examined the various Lodge Returns beg leave to report as follows:

1. The Returns of Brock, Union, Eureka, Gore, Samaritan, Forest City, Rond Eau, Long Point, Thames, Excelsior and Avon are correct.

2. Chatham Lodge, No. 29, shew on their report, total members on books 32, should be only 30, according to figures given.

3. St. Marys Lodge, No. 36, report total members on books 41, should be 42, according to figures given.

4. Frontier Lodge, No. 45, shew on their receipts dues less one-third, which should be less one-fifth, therefore their percentage to Grand Lodge is correct, and that they be instructed to credit Grand Lodge with the difference, as we are not aware of the amount of dues collected cannot say the deficiency.

5. Imperial Lodge, No. 37, only remit 10 per cent. on their receipts, which should be 15, their dues being only $4 per annum. We find them Dr. to Grand Lodge $1.57, which Grand Secretary will place to their account.

6. Erie Lodge, No. 33, shews a large discrepancy in both of their Returns. In term ending 31st December, 1863, they show 57 members in good standing, and in their account of their receipts the amount shown is only $65.60 on dues, but according to the number of members shown in good standing, the amount of dues collected (less one-fifth) should be $81.60. Again in their return of term ending 30th June, 1864. they show 53 as members in good standing, and in their account of receipts on dues they only show $41.66. This number of members ought to show $84.40 on receipts; according to the amount of dues collected would only give about 26 members in good standing, still they send to this Grand Lodge two Reps. This they are not entitled to, and should only have one representative.

7. We would also recommend that Lodges be requested to state on their Returns the amount of their Quarterly Dues, and also the amount charged for each degree, as we find different sums charged by many of the Lodges, and it is impossible for us to check the Returns correctly.

All of which is most respectfully submitted. In conclusion your Committee move the adoption of the following:

Resolved,—That the foregoing Report be adopted.

JOHN BARR,
EDMUND BELTZ,
JAMES CURLE.

Rep. Iredale moved, seconded by Rep. James, that the Report be taken up clause by clause.—Carried.

On motion, Clauses 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 7, were adopted.

Rep. Dolson moved, seconded by Rep. McAfee, that the 6th clause of the report be amended by adding the following, viz: That the two Representatives of Erie Lodge be recognized and paid, and that Erie Lodge be debited with the amount of deficiency, viz: $8.80.

Rep. Beltz moved in amendment, seconded by Rep. Wigmore, and

Resolved,—That the mileage and per diem of only one Representative from Erie Lodge be paid, and that in future no Lodges will be credited with Representatives except in accordance with the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, and the Constitution ordained for the use of its Subordinate Lodges.

There being some dissatisfaction, Bro. R. Wigmore called for the yeas and nays.

YEAS.—Reps. Jackson, Glover, Curle, McAfee, Dolson, O'Connor, and Burns.

NAYS.—Reps. Beltz, Wales, Wigmore, Powell, Smith, Sheck, Bristol, Iredale, Counter, James and Barr.

Moved by Rep. Dolson, seconded by Rep. McAfee, that Clause 6th of Report of Committee on Returns be adopted, and the question of mileage and per diem of both Representatives be referred to the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem.—Carried.

The Committee on Credentials submitted the following Report, which was adopted:

LONDON, August 4th, 1864.

To the R. W. the Grand Lodge of Canada West I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Credentials have much pleasure to announce that there is now a full representation, as the Certificate of the Representative from Samaritan Lodge has been handed to this Committee, which is correct, and would recommend that Bro. Bristol be duly accredited, and take his seat in Grand Lodge.

JAMES SMITH,
ROBERT KIRKPATRICK,
RICHARD WIGMORE.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned until 3 o'clock.

THREE O'CLOCK P. M., Aug. 4, 1864.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Grand Lodge met at 3 o'clock. The Roll being called, the following Officers and Representatives answered to their names:

Grand Master, Bro. Woodyatt, D. G. M., Bro. Brown, Grand Rep. to G. L. U. S., Bro. Bingham, Grand Sec. & Treas., Bro. James Smith, Grand Warden, Bro. Kirkpatrick, Grand Marshal, Bro. Wigmore, Grand Conductor, Bro. Black, and G. I. G., Bro. Bissell.

Also, Reps. James Curle, Samuel G. Dolson, George Wales, Robt. O. Smith, Richard Wigmore, Geo. Powell, Wm. A. Glover, Caleb H. Hankinson, Thomas James, Thomas Iredale, Edmund Beltz, A. McCormick, John Burns, H. Sheck, Abel Bristol, Geo. F. Counter, James M. O'Connor, J. C. Jackson, John Barr, and H. McAfee.

On motion, Grand Rep., Bro. Bingham, proceeded to exemplify the secret work of the Order, which was listened to with marked attention.

Rep. S. G. Dolson, Chairman of Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, submitted the following Report and Resolution:

LONDON, August 3rd, 1879.

Your Committee on Mileage and Per Diem most respectfully beg leave to submit the following Table, Report and Resolution:

The following computation is made at 4 cents per mile, and $2.00 per diem for two days.

Name of Lodge.	No.	No. of Miles Travelled	No. of Reps.	Rate per mile.	Amount of Mileage.	No. of Days.	Rate per Diem.	Amount of per Diem.	Total of Mileage and per Diem.
Brock	9	640	1	4 cts	$25 60	2	$2 00	$4 00	$29 60
Uni[illegible]	16	432	2	....	17 28	4	....	8 00	25 28
C[illegible]am	29	130	1	....	5 20	2	....	4 00	9 20
[illegible]a	30	.....	2	....	.....	4	....	8 00	8 00
[illegible]	33	180	2	....	7 20	4	....	8 00	15 20
Gore	34	110	1	....	4 40	2	....	4 00	8 40
Samaritan	35	38	1	....	1 52	1	...	2 00	3 52
St. Marys	36	42	1	...	1 68	2	....	4 00	5 68
Imperial	37	114	1	....	4 56	2	....	4 00	8 56
Forest City	38	.....	2	....	.....	4	....	8 00	8 00
Rond Eau	40	154	1	....	6 16	2	....	4 00	10 16
Avon	41	62	1	....	2 48	2	....	4 00	6 48
Long Point	42	150	1	....	6 00	2	....	4 00	10 00
Thames	43	88	1	....	3 52	2	....	4 00	7 52
Excelsior	44	152	1	....	6 08	2	....	4 00	10 08
Frontier	45	220	1	....	8 80	2	....	4 00	12 80
Grand Officers Present.									
Grand Master	34	110	1	....	4 40	2	....	4 00	8 40
Deputy Grand Master	30	.....	1	....	.....	2	....	4 00	4 00
Grand Warden	30	.....	1	....	.....	2	....	4 00	4 00
Grand Sec. and Treas	38	.....	1	....	.....	2	....	4 00	4 00
Grand Rep. to G. L. U. S.	34	110	1	....	4 40	2	....	4 00	8 40
		2732	25		109 28	49		98 00	207 28

Your Committee beg leave to add, as explanations to the above, that although a full representation is reported by the Committee on Credentials, we find that Bro. Bristol, of Samaritan Lodge, only arrived at a late hour of the second day; we have consequently reported him as entitled to per diem for one day only. With regard to the representation from Erie Lodge, your Committee feel that as a misunderstanding has taken place with the said Lodge, they having sent two representatives, and these brethren having met with and taken part in the proceedings up to the present moment, nearly to the close of the Session, we concluded to report that they both receive the mileage and per diem from this Grand Lodge: thereby relieving this Grand Body from the difficulty of judging which one should be paid. Also that the Grand Secretary be instructed to charge the said Lodge with the deficiency of per centage as shown by Committee on Returns, viz.: $8.22. And it is hereby resolved, that this Grand Lodge does not by its present action establish this as a precedent for any future error that may occur in the Returns of any Subordinate Lodge, but on the contrary will only recognize Representatives when sent in accordance with the Constitution or Laws.

Resolved,—That the foregoing Report be adoptod, and that the Grand Master issue orders on the Grand Treasurer in accordance therewith, in favor of Officers and Representatives present.

ABEL BRISTOL,
G. F COUNTER,
J. M. O'CONNOR,
SAMUEL G. DOLSON.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to the nomination of Officers for

the ensuing year, which being in order, the following Brothers were nominated :

Rep. Counter nominated Bro. James Smith for Grand Master.
" McCormick, " " Thos. Brown for Deputy Grand Master.
" Kirkpatrick, " " J. Barr, for Grand Warden.
" Barr, " " R. Wigmore, for Grand Sec. & Treas.

The Grand Master having appointed as Tellers, Reps. Bristol and Counter, the Grand Lodge proceeded to election, with the following result :

James Smith.....M. W. Grand Master, by Acclamation.
Thomas Brown.....R. W. Dep. Grand Master, 1st ballot.
John Barr..... " Grand Warden, by acclamation.
Richard Wigmore..... " Grand Sec. & Treas. "
H. C. Bingham..... " Grand Representative, "

The above named Officers were then duly presented by Past Grand Masters Dolson and Woodyatt, and installed by Grand Rep. Bingham into their respective chairs.

The Grand Master afterwards made the following appointments :

P. G., Bro. Weatherly.....Grand Marshal.
" " Bristol.....Grand Conductor.
" " James.....Grand Guardian.

The following Past Grands were duly appointed District Deputy Grand Masters for their respective Districts, viz. :

For Brock Lodge.....John Taylor.
" Union Lodge.....Alex. Crichton.
" Chatham Lodge.....Jonas B. Jackson
" Eureka and Forest City Lodges.....Thomas Brown.
" Erie Lodge.....Wm. A. Glover.
" Gore Lodge.....W. B. Woodyatt.
" Samaritan Lodge.....Abel Bristol.
" St. Marys Lodge.....Thomas Iredale.
" Imperial Lodge.....William Calder.
" Rond Eau Lodge.....Joseph Sewell.
" Avon Lodge.....R. S. Service.
" Long Point Lodge.....Geo. F. Counter.
" Thames Lodge.....Wm. McNeil.
" Excelsior Lodge.....John Barr.
" Frontier Lodge.....Henry McAfee.

On motion of Rep. Dolson, seconded by Rep. Counter, it was

Resolved,—That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are hereby tendered to P. G. Master, Bro. James Woodyatt, for the courteous, able, and satisfactory manner in which he has performed the duties of his office during the session just closing, as well as throughout the entire term of his service as Grand Master.

On motion of Rep. McAfee, seconded by Rep. James, it was

Resolved,—That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are hereby tendered to P. G. Secretary, James Smith, for the zealous, prompt and efficient manner in which he has discharged the duties of the most burthensome office in this Grand Lodge.

On motion of Rep. J. M. O'Connor, seconded by Rep. G. F. Counter, it was

Resolved,—That the Bond of P. G. Secretary, James Smith, be now cancelled and returned to him, he having fully performed the obligations and duties therein set forth.

On motion of Rep. James Curle, seconded by Rep. Thos. Iredale, it was

Resolved,—That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are hereby tendered to the Brothers of Eureka and Forest City Lodges for the accommodation afforded, and for the exceeding hospitality and kindness evinced to the members of this Grand Lodge.

On motion of Rep. G. F. Counter, seconded by Rep. A. McCormick, it was

Resolved,—That the sum of two dollars be paid to the Brother who has officiated as O. G. during this Session, and that the M. W. Grand Master issue his order for the same.

On motion of Rep. S. G. Dolson, seconded by Rep. H. McAfee, it was

Resolved,—That the Grand Secretary is hereby ordered to get the proceedings of this Grand Lodge printed as soon as practicable, and that he forward the usual number of copies to Subordinate Lodges immediately after.

On motion of Rep. John Barr, seconded by Rep. Hankinson, it was

Resolved,—That this Grand Lodge heartily adopts the privilege granted to it by the Grand Lodge of the United States, at its last Session, in relation to the admission of members of the Manchester Unity into our Order by initiation, and exhort the same to our Subordinate Lodges.

Moved by P. G. Master Bro. Woodyatt, seconded by Bro. Barr, and

Resolved,—That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be most cordially tendered our Most Worthy Rep. to G. L. U. S., for his exertions in the G. L. U. S., in getting the sanction of that worthy Grand Body, to consent that members of the Manchester Unity can now be admitted into this Order.

Moved by Rep. James, seconded by Rep. McAfee, and

Resolved,—That this Grand Lodge do now adjourn to meet in the Town of Brantford, on the first Wednesday in August, A. D., 1865, at the hour of nine o'clock in the morning.

Moved by Rep. G. F. Counter, and seconded by Rep. John Barr, that the foregoing Resolution be amended by striking out Brantford and inserting Hamilton.—Carried.

RICHARD WIGMORE,
Grand Sec. and Treas.

Eleventh Annual Communication

HELD IN THE

CITY OF HAMILTON, AUGUST 2D, 1865.

The officers and members of Excelsior Lodge having assembled in special session to receive the Grand Officers and Representatives of the Grand Lodge, the same having been duly announced, admitted and received in ancient form, and the M. W. Grand Master, together with the Officers and Representatives having been introduced, the N. G., Bro. J. W. Ferguson of Excelsior Lodge welcomed the Grand Lodge, and tendered the use of their Lodge Room during the session of the Grand Lodge, and hoped that the present session would be marked with harmony, and all unite to advance the interest and working of the Order.

The M. W. Grand Master having taken the Chair, the Grand Lodge was opened in the Grand Lodge Degree. The Roll of Officers being called over, the following Officers answered to their names:

JAMES SMITH	*M. W.*	*Grand Master.*
THOMAS BROWN	*R. W.*	*Deputy Grand Master.*
RICHARD WIGMORE	"	*Grand Sec. and Treas.*
H. C. BINGHAM	"	" *Rep. to U. S.*
JOHN BARR	"	" *Guardian.*
JOHN WETHERLY	"	" *Marshall.*

The Grand Master appointed P. G. Master Bro. James Woodyatt, Grand Conductor *pro tem.*

The M. W. Grand Master then appointed Grand Secretary Bro. Richard Wigmore, D. Grand Master, Bro. Thomas Brown, Representatives John Barr and Henry McAfee, a Committee on Credentials, who after examining the Certificates as presented, submitted the following Report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West, I. O. O. F.

Your Committee after a careful examination, find the Credentials of the following named Past Grands, duly formed and attested as Representatives from their respective Lodges to this Grand Lodge, and recommend their admission to seats in this Grand Lodge, viz:

JOHN TAYLOR, JR.	*Brock*	*Lodge*	*No.*	9.
GEORGE WALES	*Union*	"	"	16.
A. PURVIS				
THOMAS BENNETT	*Chatham*	"	"	29.
GEO. POWELL	*Eureka*	"	"	30.
JAMES HERON				
WM. A. GLOVER	*Erie*	"	"	33.
J. B. KING	*Gore*	"	"	34.
JAMES McINTYRE	*Samaritan*	"	"	35.
GEO. MARLATT	*St. Marys*	"	"	36.
H. C. FORSYTH	*Imperial*	"	"	37.
EDMUND BELTZ	*Forest City*	"	"	38.
WM. HARRISON				
C. B. TAYLOR	*Avon*	"	"	41.
GEO. WERRETT	*Long Point*	"	"	42.
C. W. KEMPSTER	*Excelsior*	"	"	44.
HENRY McAFEE	*Frontier*	"	"	45.
JOHN BATTY				

Your Committee on Credentials find the foregoing Representatives correct and entitled to seats in this Grand Lodge, but we find that the following named Lodges are not yet represented, viz: Samaritan Lodge No. 35, and Long Point Lodge No. 42. We also find that P. G. Bennett of Chatham Lodge, No. 29, has not a Representative's Certificate. We also find that the following named Past Grands have the proper certifiates as such and entitled to the Grand Lodge Degree, and to seats as members in this Grand Lodge, viz: A. G. Miller, Excelsior Lodge, No. 44, Thomas Bennett, Chatham Lodge, No. 29, Adam Purvis, Union Lodge, No. 16, H. C. Forsyth of Imperial Lodge, No. 37, and Archibald Frew of Excelsior Lodge, No. 44.

Your Committee also find the following Brothers duly certified as Past Grands and entitled to membership in this Grand Lodge, viz:

A. PURVIS	*Union*	*Lodge*	*No.*	16.
THOS. BENNETT	*Chatham*	"	"	29.
J. B. KING	*Gore*	"	"	34.
H. C. FORSYTH	*Imperial*	"	"	37.
WM. HARRISON	*Forest City*	"	"	38.
C. W. KEMPSTER	*Excelsior*	"	"	44.
A. G. MILLER				

We therefore recommend that the above named Past Grands be admitted as members of this Grand Lodge, and instructed in the Grand Lodge Degree.

In conclusion your Committee move the following—

Resolved,—That the foregoing Report be adopted.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

RICHARD WIGMORE,
THOMAS BROWN,
HENRY McAFEE,
JOHN BARR.

Moved by Rep. Henry McAfee, and seconded by Grand Warden John Barr, That P. G. Bro. Thos. Bennett, of Chatham Lodge, No. 29, be admitted to a seat in this Grand Lodge, and also that he be recognized as the Representative of said Lodge, waiving the formality of a Representative's Certificate.—Carried.

The Grand Marshal, Bro. J. Wetherly having introduced the Representatives and Past Grands to the Grand Lodge, the Grand Master instructed them in the Grand Lodge Degree, and they took their seats.

On motion of Bro. John Barr, Grand Warden, the minutes of last

session of this Grand Lodge, held at London, were adopted as printed.

The M. W. Grand Master then appointed the following Committees, viz:

On Distribution.—Grand Rep. H. C. Bingham, Reps. Henry McAfee, W. A. Glover, George Wales and J. Batty.

On Correspondence.—Rep. W. A. Glover, Wm. Harrison, Thos. Bennett, and H. C. Forsyth.

On Returns.—Reps. E. Beltz, A. Purvis, W. A. Glover, J. B. King and G. Werrett.

On State of the Order and Legislation.—Reps. Henry McAfee, James Heron, James McIntyre, C. B. Taylor and George Wales.

On Finance.—Reps. G. Werrett, A. Purvis, Thos. Bennett, C. B. Taylor and J. B. King.

On Laws of Subordinates.—Reps. John Taylor, C. W. Kempster, J. Batty, H. C. Forsyth and G. Powell.

On Mileage and Per Diem.—Reps. A. Purvis, G. Powell, George Marlatt, C. B. Taylor and J. Batty.

On motion the Lodge closed in the Grand Lodge Degree and opened in the Scarlet Degree.

The M. W. Grand Master then submitted the following report:

GRAND MASTER'S REPORT.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West, I. O. O. F.:

Officers, Representatives and Brothers,—According to ancient usage it now becomes my duty to render an account of my stewardship for the past year. Notwithstanding the many self-promises I had made to try and do all I could both by writing and visiting the several Lodges in and under this jurisdiction, my hopes and plans were sadly frustrated by that dread element "fire," in consequence of which there was entailed upon me such a vast amount of work and attention, as prevented me from carrying out what I had fondly hoped I should have had the honor of doing. Nevertheless, brothers, I can assure you that I was not asleep as to the interests of our beloved Order, but did all I could as far as my ability and time allowed to advance the glorious cause.

Those Lodges I have visited are flourishing. Everywhere I was affectionately received and hospitably entertained, and I must say here that I see no other organization that equals ours in social merits. Odd Fellows, everywhere I meet them seem to feel their duty summed up in the golden rule "to love God, and their neighbor as themselves."

To those of you whom I have met in past years I am bound in ties of grateful affection which it is a delight to renew, while to those who for the first time meet in this assembly, my heart goes out in words of welcome, as I invite your earnest and loving participation in the duties and moral responsibilities of the session. May you all be knit firmly in the bonds of unity and brotherly love, and may the seed of Odd Fellowship sown at this meeting of the Representatives of the Order in this jurisdiction be fraught with more good than any yet scattered since the first organization of this Grand Body. Let us implore that Providence who moves in a mysterious way, to assist us.

On the fourteenth of December last I had the pleasure of presiding at a Festival and Dedication under the auspices of Eureka and Forest City Lodges in the City of London. The members of those Lodges have united in fitting up a beautiful Hall for their common use. A

large and pleasant company were in attendance. In the ceremony of dedication I had the honor to be assisted by the Grand Representative to the R. W. Grand Lodge, of the U. S., Bro. H. C. Bingham, Deputy Grand Master Brown, Grand Secretary Wigmore, Past Grand Master Bissell, P. D. M. Skinner, D. D. G. M. Bro. McAfee, and many other leading members of the Order from London, St. Marys, Stratford and Windsor. Everything passed off pleasantly, and seemingly to the satisfaction of all present, and I believe has been the cause of great good to the Order in London.

On the 21st of the same month I enjoyed a similar pleasure in dedicating a new Hall in Windsor, belonging to the members of Frontier Lodge. D. G. M. Brown, Grand Secretary Wigmore and other brothers from London accompanied me. We were assisted by several eminent brothers from the Lodges in Detroit. At the conclusion of the dedication ceremony, Bro. McAfee, the founder of the Lodge there, assumed the control of things and under his guidance we were soon partaking of the good things of earth, at the table of mine very hospitable host, Bro. Cheater. The brothers of this Lodge are noted for their zeal and enthusiasm, and I believe have accomplished a greater amount of work since their organization than any other Lodge in this Province.

In January last on invitation sent from members of Gore Lodge, Brantford, I publicly installed the officers thereof, assisted by Deputy Grand Sire, Bingham, P. G. Master, James Woodyatt, D. D. G. M. Wm. Woodyatt. I believe every member of the Lodge was present. The Installation was followed by one of the happiest unions of Brothers and of the wives and children of Odd Fellows that I ever witnessed.

On Good Friday last according to arrangement, the D. G. Master and Grand Secretary accompanied me on a visit to Avon Lodge, Stratford. The occasion was thoroughly improved in the instruction of the Lodge, of whom a goodly number were present. "Good Friday" has generally been kept as a Fast day, but judging by the bill of fare set before us after our business was concluded, I am fully of the opinion that a question of Orthodoxy might be raised? Notwithstanding this, from my observation of the kind of men Avon Lodge is composed of, I have every reason to believe that a prosperous future lies before them.

In May last I paid a visit to "Excelsior." Although a new Lodge, several old and well tried Odd Fellows belong thereto. They are steadily gaining ground and as they have a fine field for labor I feel confident that they must continue to prosper.

About the end of June last the Grand Secretary and I visited Union Lodge, St. Catharines. This is one of the oldest and strongest Lodges, and the character and conduct of its members are too well known to require any compliment from me. In every respect Union Lodge maintains and deserves the good repute of former days. May her shadow never grow less.

In July I installed the officers of St. Marys Lodge, assisted by P. G. Rep. Partridge, and Bro. J. W. Lester, from London, and other brothers from Stratford. I was delighted to find many brothers in that Lodge whom I had also met there several years ago. I think, brothers, it speaks volumes to meet the old standard; it plainly shows their hearts are in the right place, and that as they have got the will they have also got the way to keep the wheel of Odd Fellowship rolling.

The remaining Lodges in my Jurisdiction I have been unable to visit, but take pleasure in referring to the success of a visit by Rev.

Bro. Gilray, of London, to Samaritan Lodge, Ingersoll. The meeting was a public one, and was addressed by Bro. Gilray at length upon the merits of Odd Fellowship, and I am assured much good has resulted to the Order there in consequence of the effort.

In May last I had an opportunity to visit Olive Branch Lodge, Detroit, where I was cordially welcomed. I cannot allow this opportunity to pass without assuring you of the repeated courtesies and kind attentions the brethren of our own jurisdiction, and especially those belonging to Frontier Lodge, have received from the brethren in Detroit.

(*h*) I regret, brethren, to have to report the demise of Thames Lodge, matters in connection with which will be submitted you by the Grand Secretary

(*i*) I have further to state that Rond Eau Lodge is in a very precarious condition. No reports for the past year have been received therefrom Bro. Sewell's letter will explain all. I wrote him some time since, advising him to be present at this session, and have some hopes that you may be able to gain, from a personal interview with him, further information regarding said Lodge.

(*a*) I have now the honor to submit for the consideration and deliberation of this Grand Lodge, all communications which I have received in connection therewith, and which embrace matters of much importance. Among these will be found letters from the Most Worthy Grand Sire, the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, D. D. Grand Sire Bingham, and from the Secretary of the Wildey Monument Committee, together with reports from a few of the D. D. Grand Masters in this our Jurisdiction.

In accordance with the request of the Secretary of the Wildey Monument Committee, I forwarded a copy of the design, with a few remarks of my own on the subject, to the different Lodges under the guidance of this Grand Lodge, urging on them the necessity of giving a hearty response to the call. I hope the result will be favorable, and that when our Representative leaves for the Grand Lodge of the United States, we will be in a position to remit a further contribution to that Monument, of which we should be all justly proud.

It is a source of pride to me, and must be one of gratification to you, to learn that no case of appeal has been received, either be me or the Grand Secretary, so that you will be relieved of the onerous duties connected with such cases.

(*b*) I have thought well to submit for your approval or amendment the following decisions: "A member of the Manchester Unity may unite with our Order, and may retain membership in both Orders."

(*c*) T. S. Milks, under date of June 12th, 1865, writes, enquiring whether a Lodge can legally hold property in its own name, and also whether a Subordinate Lodge could invest the W. & O. Fund: To the first I referred him to the Consolidated Statutes of Canada, quoting Chap. 71, Secs. 7, 8 and 9. To the second interrogatory my answer was Yes! and explained to him the way that other Lodges had much benefitted that Fund by investing it safely.

(*d*) D. D. Grand Master, Bro. McAfee enquires as follows;

1. Can a Lodge, after electing a candidate to membership, and previous to his admission, reconsider the matter, and order a new ballot for the candidate? I answered Yes! and referred him to the Digest, page 13, sec. 6.

(*e*) 2. A person claims to have been a member of the Order, and also a member of his State Grand Lodge, but cannot prove satisfactorily his standing in the Order, having no Card, in consequence of his Lodge having ceased to work, joins another Lodge by initiation. "Has that Lodge a right to again confer the degrees on the brother, or does his initiation entitle him to the rank and position he formerly held in the Order?" My reply thereto, (after a great deal of consideration and inquiry was) "that the reinitiation of a member was illegal, as he could only be admitted by card, and if he had no card he could in no way be received."

(*f*) To another query in the same communication, which was, whether if the Lodge had conferred the degrees, could they not be compelled to refund the money to the brother which he had paid for the same? I replied, "That if the member was ignorant of the law and acted *bona fide*, he ought to have the money refunded; if otherwise, he ought to forfeit it."

There were some other questions asked of me, which I thought unnecessary to embody in this report, as they were of but minor importance.

In accordance with a resolution of this Grand Lodge at the session of 1862, relative to a testimonial to P. D. Grand Master, Bro. J. R. Peel, I am pleased to state that such a memento is now in the keeping of this Grand Lodge.

(*g*) I have much pleasure in referring particularly to the following named Reports: From D. D. Barr (January and July), Bro. Crichton (January), Bro. Jackson (July), Bro. Glover (July), Bro. McAfee (January and July), and one from Bro. Sewell, of Rond Eau Lodge, which is a splendid production.

I feel sorry that the Deputies have not all kept to the requirements of this Grand Lodge, in remitting punctually their semi-annual reports, which would give the Grand Master, whoever he might be, a better opportunity of understanding more fully the true condition of the Order.

(*j*) I have prepared and will submit a blank form for semi-annual Reports, as my opinion is, that the form we now use is incomplete, and gives unnecessary trouble to the Committee appointed by this Grand Lodge to report upon Returns.

(*k*) Immediately after receiving the intelligence of the assassination of Abraham Lincoln, President and Chief Ruler of the neighboring Republic, and after conferring with those members of this Grand Lodge to whom I could get access, I assumed the responsibility of preparing and forwarding in behalf of this Grand Lodge and the Order in Canada West, an appropriate address to President Johnston, of which the following is a copy:

To the Hon. Andrew Johnson, President of the United States of America:

The members of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of Canada West, in common with the brethren of the Order in the United States, deploring the atrocity of the recent assassination of the President of that nation, and bearing in mind the close ties which bind them in brotherhood together, besides being the offspring of one common stock, do tender their deepest sympathy and heartfelt regret to the brethren and citizens of the adjoining Republic under their present great national bereavement, occasioned by the late brutal and dastardly outrage, which has deprived that people of their Chief Ruler, the country of a good and faithful servant, who has been the means, under Providence, of rescuing the degraded and suffering, and restoring them to light, liberty, and new life.

Trusting that the mild and tolerant policy which so eminently characterized the legislation of the late President, may ever be continued between the subjects of Her Britannic Majesty and those of the Republic, and that God, who in His infinite wisdom often brings great good out of apparent evil, may, around the grave of Abraham Lincoln, bury for all time to come the heart burnings and differences which have unfortunately occasionally arisen between those, one in blood, one in common origin, and should be one in "Friendship, Love and Truth."

In conclusion, the Odd Fellows pray that the God of the fatherless and widow may comfort and support Mrs. Lincoln and her family under their present great and cruel affliction.

(Signed) JAMES SMITH, Grand Master.
RICHARD WIGMORE, Grand Sec'y.

London, C. W., April 18, 1865.

I forwarded the same to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Bro. Schuyler Colfax, by whom it was handed to the President. I beg to submit the very cordial and friendly reply which I received from the said honorable and highly esteemed Brother :

South Bend, Indiana, May 8th, 1865.

Dear Sir and Brother,—I have received and forwarded to President Johnson, the address you commissioned me to present to him in behalf of my brethren of Canada West, and I was gratified at seeing its noble and patrictic tone.

I have not been in Washington since the funeral exercises there of our murdered President, which will account for the delay of this acknowledgment.

Truly and fraternally yours,

SCHUYLER COLFAX.

To Jas. Smith, Grand Master.

Representatives, I would again urge upon you the necessity for supporting a Journal devoted to Odd Fellowship, and as such present the claims of the *American Odd Fellow*.

In drawing this Report to a close, I have the pleasure to state that from my own personal observation in our noble Ordor, together with information I have gathered from letters and otherwise, from the Deputies and other members of the several Lodges, that a bright future is in store for the advancement of our benign and glorious cause. Facts and figures will show that notwithstanding the many causes which have worked against us, we are this day stronger in membership, stronger in finances, and thanks be to God, stronger in love for our Order, and for the advancement and glory thereof. I have no need to be a prophet, or the son of a prophet to assure you that our Order must prosper, and permeate the land with its principles which are holy and true, and with its teachings which are pure and grand. I have to thank the brethren in this jurisdiction for their many acts of kindness shown to me whenever and wherever I have had the good fortune to meet them, and also specially to thank those brothers from whom I received counsel and advice. Brethren, let us not weary in well doing, let us only have a will and we can easily find the way to feed the hungry, visit the sick and to bury the dead, never forgetting the widows and orphans of our deceased brethren.

I now deign brothers, to offer you my most humble and heartfelt thanks for the honor you conferred upon me, in placing in the highest position within your gift, and in which I tried to the best of my ability to sustain and uphold the sacred and heaven-born principles of our glorious Order. Should anything have occured that may not turn out to the advancement and good of our cause, I trust that you will leniently attribute it to a fault of the head and not of the heart. I would further beg that you accept the assurance of my fervent prayer, that

you may all meet with success in every good work, and be prospered not only in earthly, but in heavenly blessings.

All of which is most fraternally submitted by

Yours, faithfully, &c.,

JAS. SMITH, *Grand Master.*

On motion of Rep. J. B. King, seconded by Rep. H. C. Forsyth, the Grand Master's Report was referred to a Special Committee for distribution of the various subjects to appropriate Committees.

The R. W. Grand Secretary and Treasurer submitted the following Report which was on motion of Rep. J. Taylor, Jr., seconded by Rep. G. Wales, referred to the Committee on Distribution.

GRAND SECRETARY AND TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the M. W. Grand Master, Officers, Representatives and Members of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Canada West:

BRETHREN.—In accordance with the duty devolving upon me as Grand Secretary and Treasurer, I beg to submit this my annual Report :

Permit me in the first place, brethren, to offer you my warm congratulations in meeting you again under circumstances so gladsome and auspicious. Here we are met brethren of the mystic tie, of the "Three Links," in open Grand Lodge, under our own vine and fig tree, to endeavor to advance the interests of our Order. With thankfulness we should review the past, the Head Master of the universe having permitted us to meet as Representatives and brothers, in the principles of Friendship, Love and Truth. We should not only hail each other in the ties of Odd Fellowship, but feel thankful to Almighty God for his sparing mercy, in preserving our lives through another year, and in health and strength granting us the felicity of coming together once more.

Brethren, ours is a noble cause, worthy of our attention, and worthy of a little sacrifice. Great is the good before us; to alleviate human misery, raise the fallen, succor the distressed, and dry the orphan's and the widow's tear, is the sacred office of an Odd Fellow. What work more noble ? More delightfully great and good ? All mankind may engage in it and labor, no matter how exalted their station or elevated ther position. Our Order has never been more prosperous nor more successsul. Our ranks are now filling up, I trust with good, true and faithful men who will endeavor to promote its prosperity, and prove themselves worthy of the honor conferred on them. Yet, while we rejoice and take courage that our membership is being steadily increased, our ranks filling up and the Order generally on the increase, I have to state that as is usually the case, a few Lodges have died out during the year, and became defunct for want of proper interest taken by its members, and dishonest acts of its officers, clearing out with books, papers and funds intrusted to their keeping, and other members in good standing removing to different parts of Canada and the United States.

In concert with the Grand Master I visited several Lodges during the past year. All goes well, large prosperity following the good cause and work in Western Canada. The reception we met with everywhere was cordial and brotherly—just such a welcome as only a good Odd Fellow can give and appreciate.

Immediately after the session of the Grand Lodge, held at London, C. W., I compiled the Proceedings thereof, and according to instructions I caused two hundred copies to be printed and forwarded to all the Lodges, and officers under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada West. Also to all Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments under the jurisdiction of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States. I beg to acknowledge the receipt of Journals of Proceedings, as follows, viz: The R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, the Grand Lodges of Kentucky, California, New Hampshire, Ohio, Massachusetts, Southern New York, Pennsylvania, State of Maine, Indiana, Missouri, Nebraska, Columbia, Michigan, Kansas, Connecticut, Iowa, Minnesota, Oregon, New Jersey, Tennessee, and Maryland. Grand Encampments viz: Massachusetts, Tennessee, Ohio and California; all of which proclaim glowing prosperity of our Order in those several jurisdictions. The said Proceedings are now in the possession of this Grand Lodge.

1. Brethren, the correspondence of the past year will be laid before you for your deliberation, nothing of any importance has been received by your Secretary.

2. I received a circular from the R. W. Grand Secretary, Bro. John F. Bristol of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, notifying this Grand Body that the Charter of Friendly Union Lodge, No. 1, of Providence, was annulled and said Lodge suspended for non-compliance of of resolution of said Grand Lodge. I immediately notified all subordinate Lodges under this Jurisdiction of the suspension of said Lodge, and to govern themselves accordingly.

3. I received a communication from Jared M. Gleeson and Charles N. Male, dated Lockport, U. S., July 10th, 1865, enclosing one dollar green-back, and requesting me to forward them Cards of Clearance, as members in good standing of Industry Lodge at the time the said Lodge broke up. Your Secretary in looking over the books of the late Industry Lodge, No. 25, find the names of the said brothers connected with the breaking up of said Lodge, and therefore did not feel justified in sending Cards, or answering said letter until laid before this Grand Body and receive their instructions.

(4.) Your Secretary received a communication from Mr. William Irving, of Newbury, C. W., dated October 11th, 1864, requesting information and the expense of opening a Lodge of Odd Fellows in that village. I immediately answered his letter, giving him all necessary information, together with a copy of the Bylaws of Eureka Lodge and the proceedings of the last Grand Lodge. In reply I received an answer from him, stating it would be impossible to start a Lodge at the present time.

(5.) According to resolution on page 186 of our Journal, regarding the original dispensation of Brock Lodge No. 9 not being cancelled, I wrote to D. D. G. M., Bro. John Taylor, Jr., requesting him to carry out the request of this Grand Body by cancelling the original dispensation. I have much pleasure in informing this Grand Body that the D. D. Grand Master has carried out the request of this Grand Body, and said original dispensation was cancelled by the D. D. Grand Master, Bro. John Taylor, Jr.

(6) In accordance with the resolution on page 184 of our Journal, regarding the Testimonial to P. D. Grand Master, Bro. J. R. Peel, the executive officers of this Grand Lodge have carried the spirit of said resolution into effect by appropriating the sum of thirty dollars towards

said Testimonial. Your Secretary notified all Lodges in due time that the said Testimonial would be presented to Bro. J. R. Peel at the present session of this Grand Body. Also informed the said Bro. J. R. Peel that his presence would be required at this session of the Grand Lodge to receive said Testimonial.

(7.) The By-laws of Excelsior Lodge No. 44, are herewith laid before this Grand Body for their approval.

(8.) The semi-annual Returns for both terms have been duly received from all Lodges, except Rond Eau No. 40, and Thames No. 48. Both these Lodges have ceased to work. I have written to them several times, but received no answer. I am informed by the M. W. Grand Master that he has received a communication from the D. D. Grand Master, Joseph Sewell, of Rond Eau Lodge, which communication will give this Grand Lodge all the information regarding the position and state of affairs of said Rond Eau Lodge.

Thames Lodge, Mitchell, has been most lukewarm in the cause of Odd Fellowship for the last year, members neglecting to attend their Lodge meeting, and no interest taken in the work, owing to defaulting treasurers. On Saturday last D. D. Grand Master, William McNeil, called on me with the Charter, Working Books, and Odes of said Lodge. The Minute Book and other books connected with the working of the Lodge, together with its funds, have been stolen by their treasurer and cannot be found. The furniture was sold to pay the rent due, and the regalia was divided among a few of the brothers. Some other things were borrowed from the St. Marys Lodge, which Bro. McNeil says will be returned to said Lodge. In my conversation with the said Brother McNeil, I have learned that the whole cause of the breaking up of the Lodge was by defaulting treasurers, and the careless manner in which the Lodge was worked. He promised that if at any future time any article connected with the working of Thames Lodge can be found, he will forward immediately to the proper officer of this Grand Lodge. I feel confident that D. D. Grand Master, Bro. McNeil, did all in his power to keep the Lodge working. The Charter, books, &c., are now in the possession of this Grand Lodge.

The Returns from Erie Lodge show no amount to the credit of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund, while the General Fund is large. I think by the Laws of this Grand Lodge, it is imperative for all Subordinate Lodges to place the regular amount to the credit of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund, regardless of being in treasury or invested. The fund ought to show a credit when sufficient funds are in the possession of the Lodge.

(9.) In accordance with the resolution of this Grand Lodge, on page 190 of our Journal, instructing me to charge the extra amount paid to the Representative of Erie Lodge, at the last session of this Grand Lodge, I did so in conformity with said resolution.

(10.) According to a communication received from D. D. Grand Master, Bro. W. A. Glover, he seems to think this Grand Lodge is paid, or nearly so, by percentage in Returns. I cannot agree with him on that point, therefore it is left for your deliberation.

(11.) The income and expenditure for the past year is herewith respectfully submitted, and which I have no doubt will meet your approbation :

RICH'D WIGMORE, GRAND SECRETARY & TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE R. W. GRAND LODGE OF C. W., I. O. O. F.

TO CASH RECEIVED.

1864.					
August 4th.	To Cash received from late Secretary and Treasurer				$392 54
1865.					
Jan'y 4.	To Brock Lodge, No. 9,	Percentage	$ 9 50	19 34	
July "	" " " " "	"	9 84		
Jan'y "	" Union Lodge, No. 16	"	23 91	48 50	
July "	" " " " "	"	24 60		
Jan'y "	" Chatham Lodge, No. 29	"	9 20	17 94	
July "	" " " " "	"	8 74		
Jan'y "	" Eureka Lodge, No 30	"	26 96	58 14	
July "	" " " "	"	31 18		
Jan'y "	" Erie Lodge, No. 33	"	12 08	29 38	
July "	" " " "	"	17 30		
Jan'y "	" Gore Lodge, No. 34	"	9 36	18 15	
July "	" " " "	"	8 79		
Jan'y "	" Samaritan Lodge, No. 35	"	1 60	6 74	
July "	" " " "	"	5 14		
Jan'y "	" St. Mary's Lodge, No. 36	"	10 85	21 81	
July "	" " " "	"	10 96		
Jan'y "	" Imperial Lodge, No. 37	"	2 64	5 04	
July "	" " " "	"	2 40		
Jan'y "	" Forest City Lodge, No. 38	"	32 09	69 86	
July "	" " " "	"	37 80		
Jan'y "	" Avon Lodge, No. 41	"	7 56	18 10	
July "	" " " "	"	10 54		
Jan'y "	" Long Point Lodge, No. 43	"	5 18	9 46	
July "	" " " " "	"	4 28		
Jan'y "	" Excelsior Lodge, No. 44	"	11 52	22 74	
July "	" " " "	"	10 92		
Jan'y "	" Frontier Lodge, No. 45	"	41 00	78 96	
July "	" " " "	"	37 96		
1864					
Aug. "	" Cash from Bro. H. McAtee, for 2 Cards for Bros. Dunbar and Conroy				0 50
Sept. "	" Cash from Chatham Lodge, Cards, &c., &c				1 50
" "	" Cash from Eureka Lodge, Cards and Ofies				6 12
" "	" Cash from Erie Lodge, account				4 00
1865.					
July "	" Cash from Excelsior Lodge, Cards				5 50
" "	" Cash from Frontier Lodge, Cards				4 68
Total					$839 04

TO WILDEY MONUMENT FUND.

1864.		
Rond Eau Lodge, No. 40	$ 2 00	
Chatham Lodge, No. 29	6 00	
Union Lodge, No. 16	10 00	
		$18 00

BY CASH PAID FROM AUGUST 4TH, 1864, TO AUGUST 4TH, 1865, INCLUSIVE.

1864.

August 4th.	By paid Mileage and Per Diem of Officers and Grand Lodge Representatives at the Session held at London, C. W., viz.:		
"	By Representative to G. L. U. S., Bro. H. C. Bingham		$ 8 40
"	" Cash to M. W. Grand Master, James Woolyatt		8 40
"	" Cash to R. W. Grand Secretary & Treasurer, James Smith		4 00
"	" Cash to Representative Samuel G. Dolson		12 64
"	" Cash to Rep. Robert Kirkpatrick		4 00
"	" Cash to Deputy Grand Master, Thomas Brown		4 00
"	" Cash to John Barr		10 08
"	" Cash to Richard Wigmore		4 00
"	" Cash to Thomas James		8 40
"	" Cash to Abel Bristol		3 52
"	" Cash to Hiram Sheck		8 56
"	" Cash to John C. Jackson		10 16
"	" Cash to George Wales		12 64
"	" Cash to R. O. Smith		9 20
"	" Cash to Andrew McCormick and Edmund Beltz		8 00
"	" Cash to William A. Glover, per C. H. Hankinson		7 60
"	" Cash to C. H. Hankinson		7 60
"	" Cash to J. M. O'Connor		7 52
"	" Cash to George Powell		4 00
"	" Cash to George F. Counter		10 00
"	" Cash to John Burns		6 48
"	" Cash to Henry McAfee		12 80
"	" Cash to Thomas Iredale		5 68
"	" Cash to James Curl		29 60
September.	" Cash for Testimonial to P. D. G.Master, Bro. J. R. Peel		30 00
"	" Cash for Printing Journal of Proceedings Grand Lodge, Messrs, Dawson		30 00
"	" Cash for Printing Letter Headings for Grand Master,		4 25
"	" Cash to Outside Guardian at Grand Lodge,		2 00
"	" Cash to Grand Lodge United States, Rep Tax,	$75 00	
"	" Cash—Account for Cards at $1.50 and 20c.	30 00	
"	" Cash—Balance Wildey Monument Fund	18 00	
	American Money	123 00 Gold	58 45
"	" Cash—American money, less discount		58 45
"	" Cash to Messrs. Thornton & Watson for Stamps		1 00
"	" Cash paid to Boyd for removing Chest from Lodge Room,		0 30
"	" Cash—Post Office account, stamps, &c		1 00
"	" Cash to W. L. Carry for Stamps		1 00
"	" Cash—Post Office account, postage, &c		0 91
"	" Cash paid to Grand Secretary, postage, &c		13 70
"	" Cash paid to James Gillean for Stationery, &c		1 88
"	" Cash paid to Grand Master, expenses travelling, &c		31 05
"	" Balance		456 22
	Total		$839 04

STOCK ON HAND, AUGUST 2, 1865,

With amount of value, together with the amount due by Subordinate Lodges to the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Canada West.

Banner, Regalia and Emblems	$ 6 00
Balance of Regalia, Ontario Lodge	5 00
One Degree Book	2 50
One Rebecca Book	1 25
Three Public Installation Books, at $1.25	3 75
Eight Degree Books. at $2.00	16 00
11 Visiting Cards, at 25c	5 75
39 Withdrawal Cards, at 25c	9 75
270 Blank Treasurer's Bonds, at 5c	13 50
414 Installation Odes, at 6c	24 84
845 Blank Reports, at 2c	16 90
286 Blank Propositions for Membership, at 2c	5 72
281 Blank Representative's Certificates, at 2c	5 62
25 Past Grand's Certificates, at 2c	0 50
63 Blank Orders for Supplies, at 3c	1 89
29 Blank Rules and Regulations, at 10c	2 90
1 Charter Stone and Drawing thereon	52 50
48 Blank Charters for sale, at $2.00	96 00
68 Blank Charters for use of this Grand Lodge, at $2.00	136 00
Blank Semi-Annual Reports and Letter heading, say	8 00
To amount due by Union Lodge No. 6	8 87
To amount due by Erie Lodge No. 33	7 68
To amount due by Rond Eau Lodge No. 40	0 30
To amount due by Avon Lodge No. 41	0 30
To amount due by Thames Lodge No. 43	0 30
To amount due by Excelsior Lodge No. 44	27 00
To amount due by Frontier Lodge No. 45	3 04
Total amount,	$458 86

RECAPITULATION.

Initiations	155	Withdrawn by Card,	16
Rejections,	12	Amount paid for relief of brothers,	$ 346 98
Admitted by Card	7	Amount paid for widowed families	415 50
Reinstated,	5	Amount paid for education of orphans	———
Expelled,	2	Amount paid for burying the dead	65 00
Deaths,	7	Total amount of relief	826 98
Members in Arrears not suspended	124	Amount of annual receipts	4,165 41½
Suspended,	65	Widow and Orphan Fund,	7,859 85¼
Ceased to be members, non-payment of dues,	75	General Fund	5,360 42½
Contributing members	539		
Degrees conferred	343		
Number of Brothers Relieved	31		
Number of widowed families relieved	7		

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Abstract from the Semi-Annual Reports of the Subordinate Lodges, under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada West, for the year ending 30th June, 1865.

LODGE.	No.	LOCATION	Initiated.	Rejected.	Admitted by Card.	Reinstated.	Expelled.	Deaths.	Members in arrears not suspended.	Suspended.	Ceased for N. P. D.	Contribut'g Members	Degrees Conferred.	Brothers Relieved.	Widows Relieved.	Withdrawn by Card.	Paid for Relief of Brothers.	Paid for Relief of Widowed Families.	Burying the Dead.	Total Relief.	Amount of Annual Receipts.	Widow and Orphan Fund.	General Fund.
Brock	9	Brockville	5	..	1	..	..	..	18	25	2	30	13	1	..	2	$5 00	$120 00	.....	$125 00	$193 00	$1040 00	$120 00
Union	16	St. Catharines	4	..	..	2	..	1	11	15	35	80	15	1	3	..	48 50	140 50	.....	188 50	485 12	2648 74	114 02
Chatham	29	Chatham	6	..	..	..	1	..	4	1	1	26	13	4	..	3	18 00	.....	.....	18 00	179 49	358 65	73 08
Eureka	30	London	17	4	..	1	..	1	15	7	6	68	44	2	3	1	54 00	120 00	$20 00	194 00	581 49	958 84	712 06
Erie	33	Port Burwell	9	..	..	..	..	1	11	11	13	36	26	2	1	..	11 00	15 00	30 00	56 00	223 53	.....	749 32
Gore	34	Brantford	3	..	1	..	..	..	4	..	..	26	18	2	..	..	21 00	.....	.....	21 00	181 53	803 39	215 49
Samaritan	35	Ingersoll	2	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	12	11	..	2	..	..	9 00	20 00	.....	29 00	67 40	320 41	78 59
St. Mary's	36	St. Mary's	8	..	..	..	..	..	13	..	1	34	20	4	..	..	29 00	.....	.....	29 00	228 16	492 40	1475 42
Imperial	37	Burford	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	10	..	..	..	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	33 60	182 24	70 00
Forest City	38	London	36	1	1	2	..	..	9	..	..	85	61	2	..	4	47 00	.....	.....	47 00	698 92	663 27	1438 60
Avon	41	Stratford	14	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	26	16	1	..	1	4 00	.....	.....	4 00	181 00	150 00	.....
Long Point	42	Simcoe	3	..	..	..	..	2	8	4	..	13	..	1	..	1	3 00	.....	.....	3 00	94 75	98 10	79 59
Excelsior	44	Hamilton	14	..	1	..	..	1	8	2	..	28	2	1	..	2	2 00	.....	.....	2 00	227 49	65 19	.....
Frontier	45	Windsor	34	7	3	..	..	1	11	..	4	72	115	8	..	1	95 48	.....	15 00	110 48	789 53	78 62	234 35
			155	12	7	5	2	7	124	65	75	539	343	31	7	16	346 98	415 50	65 00	826 98	4165 41	7859 85	5360 42

Brethren, permit me, ere I close this address, to thank you for the honorable position you were kind enough to assign me as your Grand Secretary and Treasurer. Feebly and imperfectly have I fulfilled the duties entrusted to me. Still I may say with all rectitude and candor, that I did what I could to further the progress and advancement of Odd Fellowship.

Brethren, accept my thanks for the kindness you have ever manifested towards me. Believe me, I shall ever feel and duly appreciate your disinterested favors, and I sincerely trust I shall ever prove a good and worthy Odd Fellow.

Brethren, I cannot close without returning to our Grand Master my hearty thanks for his manifold kindness to me; for his hearty co-operation in furthering our common object, and at the risk of being charged with flattery, I must say, that a better, larger hearted, or more whole souled man and brother Odd Fellow than Bro. James Smith, I never met—ready and willing at all times, regardless of time, to assist in carrying out the object of the Institution.

Brethren, may the hand of an Odd Fellow be ever outstretched to shield the poor and needy, to clothe the naked, feed the hungry, and protect the widow and the orphan; then will the world see that we are endeavoring to carry out the grand object of our noble Order, and that our character, life and actions are in accordance with our profession as Odd Fellows.

Respectfully submitted, by yours, faithfully and fraternally,

RICHARD WIGMORE,
Grand Sec. & Treas.

The Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of the United States submitted the following Report:

GRAND REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West I. O. O. F.:

Officers and Brethren,—As your Representative to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, I have the honor to submit for your consideration my second annual Report of the proceedings of that Grand Body.

In accordance with a special resolution passed in Baltimore in September, 1863, the Grand Lodge of the United States assembled in Boston, September 19th, 1864, where they were welcomed by the R. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts and the brothers of Boston, with outstretched hands and such earnest cordial words as must have secured to the Odd Fellows of Massachusetts the esteem and gratitude of every Officer and Representative present. Our obligations are by no means exclusively due to our brethren there, for in its largest sense we enjoyed "the freedom of the city." Private citizens and officials of both State and city seemed to vie with each other in rendering our meeting in Boston one to be long and pleasantly remembered. Invitations and compliments poured in upon us from every source, and we had no discretion except to surrender. This we did the more readily, knowing that we were in "the land of steady habits," and feeling assured that we would certainly not be led astray by a people so proverbial for their steadfast ways and strict adherence to duty and business. If we have any cause of complaint, it is that they took advantage of our simple faith to allure us from our duties as Representatives with the attractions of their city, and the enjoyments of the princely hospitalities of

their hearts and homes. I am aware that this is not strictly in the line of a Representative's Report, but it is a pleasing duty which I assume, and I am sure you will all heartily approve of this passing tribute to the courtesy, the intelligence, and the munificent hospitality of the Odd Fellows and citizens of the Old Bay State.

With the exception of Vermont and the Lower Provinces, all the Northern, Western and Pacific Jurisdictions were fully represented. Of the Southern Jurisdictions, Virginia, North and South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas and Arkansas, were still unrepresented.

The Reports of the Grand Sire, Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer were very able and gratifying—papers well stored with items of interest, conveying to us the assurance of prosperity to our Order. The decisions of the Grand Sire submitted for approval were:

1st. "The customs and usages of the Order prohibit the initiation of a person whose physical deformity prevents a compliance with the requirements and laws of the Order. The decision of the question as to the applicability of the general principle to special cases of partial deformity, rests with the local authorities, and especially with the subordinate Lodge to which admission is asked."

2d. Until Cards suited for the purpose are issued by the Grand Lodge of the United States, State, District or Territorial Grand Lodges may have prepared and issue a certificate or card to members of extinct or suspended subordinate Lodges in their respective jurisdictions, said certificate to set forth on its face the circumstances of the case; to be signed by the Grand Master, attested by the Grand Secretary under seal, and to have the same force and effect as a regular withdrawal card."

3d. "An Ancient Odd Fellow, who can satisfactorily establish his claim to be so considered, and can prove himself in the Initiatory work, is not required to be re-initiated into the Order. His rank or standing in the Lodge to which he may be admitted will be determined by the Lodge upon the report of the Committee appointed to make the necessary examination."

4th. "One principal purpose to be subserved by the office of Grand Representative, being the communication of the A. T. P. W. to the Executive of his respective jurisdiction, before the first day of January following the session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, a State Grand Body has the right to instruct its Grand Representative as to the mode by which the A. T. P. W. shall be communicated to the Grand Master or Grand Secretary, whether personally or otherwise, due regard being had to safety."

5th. "A member of an extinct Lodge who did not regularly withdraw therefrom prior to its extinction, can be admitted to membership only upon the presentation of a card from the officers of the Grand Lodge under which the defunct Lodge formerly existed."

The above decisions were approved.

From the Grand Secretary's Report I glean the following: Total paying membership, 137,623; 19,234 of these belong also to the Encampment Branch of the Order. Number of Lodges and Encampments, 3,584; Initiates, 16,769 during the year; Families relieved, 2,542; Brothers relieved, 18,730; Paid for relief of Brothers, Widows and Orphans, Education and Burial, $462,134.99. Total receipts, $1,161,828.65.

In regard to the finances of the Grand Lodge of the United States, we learn from the Grand Treasurer's Report that the available assets were in cash and registered United States 5-20 bonds at par value, $13,766.28. Estimated demand upon that for Mileage and Per Diem, and Printing, $12,850. The revenue of the Grand Lodge from ordinary sources for the year had been $11,822.40. The disbursements had been $13,334.12. This excess of disbursements is accounted for by the special expense incurred in the printing of the revised Journal and New Digest.

The Wildey Monument Fund amounted to $11,862.38, and from the Report of the Committee on Monument, about $2,500 more was required to erect a monument in accordance with the plan adopted. This amount, I presume, will be made up by September next. at which time it is decided to dedicate the monument now being erected in the city of Baltimore.

On page 3649 appear resolutions submitted by Rep. Stokes, of Pennsylvania, in regard to the division of the Funds and property of Lodges and Encampments. These resolutions were adopted, and declare such proceedings illegal and dishonorable, and that in case of the failure of a Lodge from any cause, their Charter, Books, Money, and property of every kind, must be delivered to its Grand Lodge. Grand Lodges are also directed to make provision for the care of such funds and property, which shall become a separate fund to be employed in aiding and assisting Lodges and Encampments needing funds to maintain their organization.

A special committee on revision of Funeral Service reported in full, which report was recommitted and accompanied by a Service submitted by Rep. Escavaille, of Maryland.

(Page 3662.) Rep. Ransom, of Kentucky, submitted a resolution in favor of admitting members by initiation who reside in other Jurisdictions, provided the Lodge petitioned is nearer than any Lodge out of the Jurisdiction ; provided also that no petition shall be received where the consent of the foreign Jurisdiction can be obtained, except with such consent. All of which was approved by reference to former actions of Grand Lodge, page 3485.

(Pages 3663 and 3665.) Reps. Escavaille and Lamberton submitted resolutions somewhat similar, in reference to members of extinct Lodges who are incapacitated by age from joining other Lodges, and proposing such legislation as would secure to those brothers the social benefits of our Lodges, but not entitle them to pecuniary benefits. On page 3690 Committee reported favorably. Page 3707, Report adopted.

(Page 3678.) Sundry amendments to the Constitution, proposed in 1860, 1861, 1862 and 1863, were all either indefinitely postponed or laid on the table.

(Page 3601.) Two resolutions by Rep. Ellis, providing for withholding funeral benefits, and Widows' and Orphans' benefits, in case of misrepresentation of age, were adopted. Page 3679.

(Page 3683.) The Committee on Appeals report against the *retaking* of a ballot before the result is declared by the Noble Grand.

(Page 3698.) Report on above adopted.

(Page 3686.) Legislative Committee report adversely to the adoption of a system of life membership. (Page 3699.) Report adopted.

(Page 3677.) Inquiry by Rep. Sanders : Can the M. W. Grand Sire legally appoint a Past Grand Sire, not a Representative, to act upon

Committees, either regular or special? (Page 3700.) A special report in the affirmative. (Page 3719.) Report adopted.

(Pages 3701 and 3709.) A new price list for Books, Odes, &c., was adopted, making quite an increase upon former prices, but owing to the decline in gold, there is no good reason why those prices should be maintained.

(Page 3709.) Grand Lodge adopted resolutions censuring convivial practices in Lodge Halls and ante-rooms, and instructed Grand Lodges and Grand Officers to forbid and disallow everything of the kind.

(Pages 3716 and 3720.) The Finance Committee reported against the practice of some Lodges publishing Odes and Diplomas, as being an encroachment upon the prerogative and perquisites of the Grand Lodge of the United States, which report was adopted.

The following amendments to the Constitution were proposed for consideration in September next:

(Page 3710.) By Rep. Merriam, to amend Section 5, of Article I, by striking out the words "by the unanimous vote," and inserting in lieu thereof the words, *with the concurrence of four-fifths of the members* of the Grand Lodge. Also amending the ninth line of the same section by striking out the words "four-fifths," and inserting the words *three-fourths.*

(Page 3713.) By Rep. Burnham to amend Article VII of Constitution by striking out from the first clause of Section I, the words, "by the Grand Sire attested," and also the words "under the seal of the Grand Lodge."

(Page 3725.) By Rep. Logan to amend Article XVI of the Constitution by adding the following—Provided, That when it shall be satisfactorily represented to the Grand Lodge of the United States, that the necessities of a State, District or Territorial Grand Jurisdiction require it, a resolution may be passed by a vote of three-fourths of the Representatives present at any meeting, granting to the particular State, District or Territorial Grand Jurisdiction applying therefor, the right to re-admit to membership within its Jurisdiction, upon such terms as it may prescribe, suspended members of the Order residing in the same, who may have been suspended in other Jurisdictions for non-payment of dues, and who have not been under suspension for less than three years, and also the right to admit members of defunct Lodges not able to get a card, it being distinctly understood that so soon as the necessity requiring it shall have passed away, this privilege shall be yielded up to the Jurisdictions receiving it.

(Same page.) By Rep. Thompson to amend Article XVI of the Constitution as follows: Provided also, That such Jurisdictions as choose to do so, may readmit to membership within their respective Jurisdictions upon such terms as they may prescribe, suspended members of the Order residing in the same whose Lodges have become defunct, who may have been suspended for non-payment of dues, and for no other cause.

(Page 3711.) Resolution of Rep. Logan providing for Special Committee of five to report in September next a revision or improvement in the Rebekah Degree. (Page 3726.) Committees appointed.

The Committees appointed some years since on revision of Secret Work, made able Reports, but owing to the length of the Reports, and the caution necessary in adopting matters of such great and lasting importance, and the impossibility of giving to the subject the considera-

tion it deserved, the whole subject after considerable discussion in secret session was laid over again until next session.

(Page 3691 and 3707) show a Report of Finance Committee, and the adoption of the same, authorizing the publication of a sufficient number of copies of the Revision Report to furnish one copy to each Officer and Representative present in September 1865, in order that each one may have an opportunity to study the subject carefully before taking final action.

The following Officers were elected:

M. W. Grand Sire—Issac M. Veitch, of St. Louis, Missouri.

R. W. Deputy Grand Sire—James P. Sanders, of Yonkers, N. Y.

" Grand Cor. and Rec Sec—James L. Ridgley, of Baltimore, Maryland.

R. W. Grand Treas.—Joshua Vansant, of Baltimore, Maryland.

" " Chaplain—Rev. I. D. Williamson, of Rural, Ohio.

" " Marshal—Joseph Kidder, of Manchester, New Hampshire.

R. W. Grand Guardian—Augustus Pfaff, of Philadelphia, Pa.

" " Messenger—John E. Chamberlrin, Baltimore, Maryland.

The session lasted five days, during which time a large amount of business and legislation was disposed of. The transactions of the Grand Lodge, and the intercourse of the Officers and Representatives present were characterized by intelligence, dignity and fraternal courtesy.

I have thus briefly attempted to place upon our record a synopsis of those transactions and decisions of most interest to the Order at large, but for very much more of importance I am compelled to refer you to the Revised Journal of last Session. In view of the increased interest exhibited on every hand, and the zeal manifested by those having our affairs in charge, I can assure you of the increasing strength, usefulness and prosperity of our brotherhood, and I am confident I speak the sentiment of every Odd Fellow who knows him, in saying that to Past Grand Sire, James B. Nicholson, more than to any other man, are we indebted for our present proud and prosperous position.

With such an estimate of our Order, drawn from the Reports and proceedings of nearly a year ago, how shall I find language to convey to you a description of the glorious vision of peace and consequent reunion that has already opened to our view since then? For four long years the seats of our brethren from the South have been vacant, and as our venerable Grand Secretary in the routine of business called the roll of States, we listened in vain for the responses of many we had learned to love. But what a change awaits the Representatives who assemble again in Baltimore. My blood quickens in its course, and my heart leaps with joy in contemplation of the scene. The Representative whom you shall see fit to honor with the charge of your affairs in Grand Lodge of the United States this year, will look upon such a reunion of hands and hearts as is not often given to mortals to behold. And how appropriate that this re-union should take place over the grave of Father Wildey, and at the dedication of a monument perpetuating his memory, and handing down to those who shall succeed us, the record of the origin and objects of Odd Fellowship.

With many pleasing and profitable recollections of my connection with the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States as your Representa-

tive therein, and with many and sincere thanks for the honor and trusts you have often confided in me, I respectfully conclude this Report.

H. C. BINGHAM,
Grand Representative.

On motion of D. G. M. Thos. Brown, seconded by Rep. Jas. Heron it was

Resolved,—That the Report of the Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of the United States, be referred to the Committee on Distribution.

The Distribution Committee presented the following Report which was adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee to whom was referred the Reports of the M. W. Grand Master, R. W. Grand Secretary and Treasurer, and of the R. W. Grand Representative of this Lodge to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the U. S., for the distribution of their various subjects to appropriate Committees, submit the following, recommending

That Clause A and K of Grand Master's Report, relating to Correspondence, be referred to Committee on Correspondence. Clauses B to J of same report be referred to Committee on State of the Order and Legislation.

That Clause 8 of Grand Secretary and Treasurer's Report relating to Rond Eau and Thames Lodges be referred to Committee on State of Order and Legislation, and that Clauses 9, 10 and 11 of same Report be referred to Committee on Finance. Excelsior By-laws to Committee on Laws of Subordinates. Also that Clause A of Grand Representatives Report be referred to a special Committee.

We therefore submit the following,

Resolved,—That the foregoing report be adopted.

H. C. BINGHAM,
HENRY McAFEE,
JOHN BATTY,
W. A. GLOVER,
G. WALES.

On motion a Special Committee was appointed, consisting of Grand Rep. H. C. Bingham, Reps. George Powell, Henry McAfee, and W. A. Glover.

Moved by Rep. H. McAfee, seconded by Rep. Edmund Beltz, that this Grand Lodge do now adjourn to meet at 7 o'clock p. m.—Carried.

The Lodge than adjourned until 7 o'clock, p. m., in order to give the several Committees time to consider the subjects referred to them.

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7 o'clock, p. m., August 2nd, 1865.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Grand Lodge met and opened in the Scarlet Degree—the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. James Smith presiding, and on call of Roll the following Officers and Representatives answered to their names :

Grand Master, James Smith, Deputy Grand Master, Thomas Brown, Grand Representative, H. C. Bingham, Grand Secretary and Treasurer, Richard Wigmore, Grand Warden, John Barr, Grand Guardian, Thomas James, Grand Marshall, John Weatherly, Grand Conductor *pro tem*, James Woodyatt.

Reps. J. Taylor, Jr., George Wales, A. Purvis, Thomas Bennett, George Powell, James Heron, W. A. Glover, J. B. King, George Marlatt, H. C. Forsyth, Edmund Beltz, William Harrison, C. B. Taylor, George Werret, C. W. Kempster, Henry McAfee, John Batty.

Communication from J. W. Ferguson, N. G. on behalf of the members of Excelsior Lodge was read, inviting this Grand Lodge to a Lunch to be held at the Royal Hotel to-morrow evening.

On motion of Rep. John Taylor, seconded by Rep. H. McAfee, the communication was received, and invitation accepted.

The Committee on the State of the Order and Legislation submitted the following Report :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West I. O. O. F.

The Committee on the State of the Order, beg leave to report, that they have had under consideration the following queries, and after careful investigation present the subjoined as their replies :

1st. In answer to the question marked (1) we answer, No.*

2d. In reply to question marked (2) submitted by Rep. Kempster, we answer No.**

3d. In reply to the question of Erie Lodge marked (3) and (4,) the first was fully discussed last evening, and as your Committee supposed that it was determined to appoint a Special Committee to report on this subject, we beg leave to be relieved from further consideration of this question.†

4th. In reply to the next question No. (4) members suspended for non-payment of dues only can be re-instated to membership by *viva voce* vote after having first paid all dues which they owe the Lodge, or the Lodge have a right to compromise with the suspended brother, if they think proper so to do, (by a similar vote) by the brothers paying thirteen months dues. ‡

Your Committee submit the following resolutions, viz :

1st. *Resolved*,—That Clause A of Grand Master's Report be adopted.
2nd. *Resolved*,—That Clause B of Grand Master's Report be adopted.
3rd. *Resolved*,—That Clause C of Grand Master's Report be adopted.
4th. *Resolved*,—That Clause D of Grand Master's Report be adopted.
5th. *Resolved*,—That Clause E. of Grand Master's Report be adopted.
6th. *Resolved*,—That Clause F. of Grand Master's Report be adopted.

HENRY McAFEE,
GEORGE WALES,
JAMES HERON,
CHAS. B. TAYLOR,

The first, second and third Resolutions were considered and adopted.

The question being to adopt the fourth Resolution, Rep. H. C. Bingham, seconded by Rep. Batty, moved the following which was agreed to.

Resolved,—That all after the word "after" in the fourth Resolution be stricken out.

The fifth and sixth Resolutions were adopted.

And on motion the Report as amended was adopted.

*Question by Rep. Heron page 214. **Question not printed. †Question by Rep. W. A. Glover page 214. ‡Question by Rep. W. A. Glover page 214.

These minutes seem to have got mixed up by the printer. See report of Special Committee presented at the opening of the afternoon session, first day, session of 1866.

On motion the Grand Lodge adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

LODGE ROOM, Thursday, August 3rd, 1865.

Pursuant to adjournment the Grand Lodge assembled at 9 o'clock, and opened in the Grand Lodge Degree. The Roll being called the following Officers and Representatives answered to their names:

Grand Master, James Smith, Deputy Grand Master, Thomas Brown, Grand Warden John Barr, Grand Secretary and Treasurer, Richard Wigmore, Grand Representative, H. C. Bingham, Grand Conductor, Thomas James, Grand Marshal, John Weatherly, Grand Conductor, Abel Bristol.

Reps. John Taylor, Jr., George Wales, A. Purvis, Thomas Bennett, Geo. Powell, James Heron, W. A. Glover, J. B. King, James McIntyre, George Marlatt, H. C. Forsyth, Edmund Beltz, William Harrison, C. B. Taylor, George Werret, C. W. Kempster, Henry McAfee, John Batty.

On motion the Grand Lodge closed in the Grand Lodge Degree, and opened in the Scarlet Degree.

The question asked by Rep. James Heron of Eureka Lodge, was referred to the Committee on Legislation.

1st. It is right when a candidate on being ballotted for and declared elected, for a member that black-balled him to demand a new ballot, on the ground that he is too old and has a large family, when he is within the age as provided by the By-Laws of the Lodge? If not right to reconsider the ballot in what position does the candidate now stand?

The question asked by Rep. W. A. Glover, of Erie Lodge was referred to the Committee on Legislation.

3d. Erie Lodge, No. 33, being about to erect a Hall on land of their own, would ask the opinion and advice of this Grand Lodge, in reference to the proper mode of securing to the Lodge the real estate. Should the title be made to the Officers of the Lodge in trust, or should a Committee be appointed for the purpose?

4h. Erie Lodge would also ask information on the proper mode of re-instating members whose connection have ceased for non-payment of dues? Should they be considered as ancient Odd-Fellows, and be admitted as such? Or can the Lodge compromise with such applicants?

The question asked by Bro. J. W. Ferguson, N. G. of Excelsior Lodge, No. 44, was referred to the Committee on Legislation:

Whether the V. G. of a subordinate Lodge has the power to admit a member who is reported not in possession of the P. W., without referring the subject to the N. G.?

Moved by Rep. Henry McAfee, and seconded by ———— and

Resolved,—That the Grand Master have the privilege of referring all questions handed in, in writing by Representatives to appropriate Committee.—Carried.

Rep. J. B. King, from the Committee on Returns submitted the the following Report which was adopted:

HAMILTON, August 2d, 1865.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West, I. O. O. F.:

We, your Committee on Returns, after having examined the various Lodge Returns, beg leave to report as follows:

1st. The Returns of Brock Lodge No. 9, Union Lodge No. 16, Gore Lodge No. 34, Samaritan Lodge No. 35, St. Marys Lodge No. 36, Imperial Lodge No. 37, Avon Lodge No. 41, Long Point Lodge No. 42, Excelsior Lodge No. 44, Frontier Lodge No. 45, and Eureka Lodge No. 30, correct.

2d. The Report from Chatham Lodge No. 29, for June 30th, 1865, has no seal, and reports but 30 members on the books instead of 31.

3d. The Returns of Erie Lodge No. 33, reports 23 members Dec. 31st, 1864, in good standing, and pay 15 per cent. on $80.56, whereas it should be 15 per cent. on $36.80. and 10 per cent. on $14.00, making $4.44 overpaid. And on 31st June, 1865, pay 15 per cent. on $59.97, instead of 15 per cent. on $48, making $1.80 overpaid. Total, $6.24 overpaid.

4th. The Returns of Forest City Lodge No. 38, for June 30th, 1865, is without a seal.

5th. Your Committee would call the attention of all the Representatives to the fact, that many of the Lodges in making out their Returns have failed to comply with the Resolutions of this R. W. Grand Body, inasmuch as they have not attached the amount of their Quarterly Dues to their Returns.

All of which is respectfully submitted, and in conclusion would move the adoption of the following resolution, viz.:

Resolved,—That Clauses 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 of the above Report be adopted.

J. B. KING,
EDMUND BELTZ,
A. PURVIS,
GEORGE WERRETT,
W. A. GLOVER.

The Committee on Correspondence submitted the following Report, which was considered and adopted:

HAMILTON, August 2d, 1865.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West I. O. O. F.

Your Committee, to whom was referred the correspondence of the Grand Master and Grand Secretary, respectfully report that they have examined the same, and find that the correspondence of those officers has been very extensive during the past year, and has been conducted in a manner that reflects great credit to them. We find that all matters that have been submitted to those officers for advice or decision, have been promptly attended to, and disposed of in a manner satisfactory to your Committee.

With regard to the communication of Jared M. Gleason and Charles S. Male, at one time members of Industry Lodge No. 25, and now residing in Lockport, in the State of New York, asking for Cards of Clearance from this Grand Lodge, your Committee would report, that they have examined the books of the late said Industry Lodge, and find that the parties making application for Cards of Clearance were implicated in the breaking up of Industry Lodge, and are not entitled to Cards of Clearance, and that the Grand Secretary give them notice accordingly.

Your Committee would also refer to the communication of Bro. Joseph Sewell, of Rond Eau Lodge, and are of opinion that Bro. Sewell's explanation of the affairs of that Lodge are satisfactory, and that the reason of the suspension of that Lodge was owing to causes over which that officer had no control.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. A. GLOVER,
H. C. FORSYTH,
WM. HARRISON,
THOS. BENNETT.

Rep. J. Taylor, Jr., from the Committee on Laws of Subordinates, submitted the following Report;

HAMILTON, August 2d, 1865.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West, I. O. O. F.:

We, your Committee on Laws of Subordinates, to whom was referred the Constitution and By-laws of Excelsior Lodge No. 44, having examined the said By-laws, do report as follows:

In the Constitution, Article II., Sec. 1, it is inserted that candidates for membership in this Lodge must be more than 21 years and not over 52 years of age, which according to the Constitution should be, not over 50 years of age, and upon enquiry find it to be a typographical error; also that upon an examination of their By-laws we find the age to be correctly stated. Therefore, we beg leave to submit the following resolution:

Resolved,—That the Constitution and By-laws of Excelsior Lodge No. 44, as submitted, be approved.

JOHN TAYLOR, JR.,
C. W. KEMPSTER,
H. C. FORSYTH.
JOHN BATTY,
GEORGE POWELL.

The Committee on Finance submitted the following Report:

HAMILTON, August 2d, 1865.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West, I. O. O. F.:

We, the Committee on Finance, beg leave to submit the following Report:

We have carefully examined the accounts of the Grand Secretary and Treasurer, and compared them with the vouchers accompanying the same, and find a voucher wanting for thirty dollars, which was expended for procuring a Testimonial to Bro. J. R. Peel, to which the Grand Master has certified, and will explain to this Lodge. In all other respects we find the accounts perfectly correct.

Your Committee would recommend the payment of the following account;

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States for Rep. Tax for 1865,....$75 00

Your Committee feel great pleasure in finding the finances of this Grand Body in such a healthy and prosperous condition, as shown by the increase of cash on hand, which $81.68, and a decrease in indebtedness of $66, making an actual increase of $147.68 since last session.

Resolved,—That the account of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States as above mentioned be paid.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEORGE WERRETT,
THOS. BENNETT,
C. W. KEMPSTER,
CHAS. B. TAYLOR,
J. B. KING.

A communication was read by Grand Rep. H. C. Bingham, from Bro. James H. Graham, a former member of Thames Lodge, Mitchell, C. W., requesting a Card from the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West. This communication was accompanied by a receipt from the Secretary of said Lodge, crediting him for dues in advance to the 15th of Feb., 1865, previous to which this Lodge ceased to work.

On motion of Rep. J. B. King, seconded by Rep. C. B. Taylor, it was

Resolved,—That the Grand Master and Grand Secretary make out and forward to Bro. Graham a Card as requested.

Moved by Rep. J. B. King, seconded by Rep. H. C. Forsyth, and

Resolved,—That when this Lodge adjourn, it do so to meet at Brantford on the first Wednesday in August, 1866.

On motion, the above resolution was laid over till the afternoon session.

The following, moved by Rep. J. B. King, seconded by Rep. A. Purvis, was agreed to;

Resolved,—That the matter of Past Grands, not Representatives, voting and speaking in the Grand Lodge, be laid over until the afternoon session.

The Committee on Credentials submitted the following appendix to their Report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West, I. O. O. F.:

The Committee on Credentials beg leave to report that the certificate of Geo. Werrett as representative from Long Point Lodge No. 42, has been handed in; also that a Past Grand's Certificate in due form, from Eureka Lodge No. 30, to P. G., Richard Anderson, and recommend that the Grand Lodge Degree be conferred on said Brother. We therefore submit the following Resolution for adoption:

Resolved,—That the above named brethren be accredited.

RICHARD WIGMORE,
HENRY McAFEE,
THOMAS BROWN,
JOHN BARR.

Rep. A. Purvis, from the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, submitted the following Report:

HAMILTON, August 3d, 1865.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Mileage and Per Diem most respectfully beg leave to submit the following Table, Report and Resolution:

NAME OF LODGE.	No.	No. of Miles Travelled	No. of Reps.	Rate per mile.	Amount of Mileage.	No. of Days.	Rate per Diem.	Amount of per Diem.	Total of Mileage and per Diem.
Brock	9	492	1	4cts	$19 68	2	$2 00	$4 00	$33 68
Union	16	64	2	.....	5 12	4	....	8 00	13 12
Chatham	29	282	1	.....	11 28	2	....	4 00	15 28
Eureka	30	152	2	.....	12 16	4	.....	8 00	20 16
Erie	33	172	1	.....	6 88	2	....	4 00	10 88
Gore	34	70	1	.....	2 80	2	.....	4 00	6 80
Samaritan	35	.....	....	....	.....	...	...	.....	.....
St. Marys	36	142	1	.....	5 68	2	....	4 00	9 68
Imperial	37	74	1	.....	2 94	2	....	4 00	6 96
Forest City	38	152	2	.....	12 16	4	....	8 00	20 16
Avon	41	122	1	.....	4 88	2	....	4 00	8 88
Long Point	42	114	1	.....	4 56	2	.....	4 00	8 56
Excelsior	44	.....	1	....	.....	2	....	4 00	4 00
Frontier	45	372	2	....	29 76	4	....	8 00	37 76
GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT.									
Grand Master	38	152	1	.....	6 08	2	.....	4 00	10 08
Deputy Grand Master	30	152	1	.....	6 08	2	.....	4 00	10 08
Grand Warden	44	.....	1	....	.....	2	....	4 00	4 00
Grand Sec. and Treas.	30	152	1	... .	6 08	2	.....	4 00	10 08
Grand Rep. to G. L. U. S.	34	70	1	.....	2 80	2	.....	4 00	6 80
		3474	22		138 96	44		92 00	226 96

The foregoing computation is made at four cents per mile, and two dollars per diem, for two days.

A. PURVIS,
CHAS. B. TAYLOR,
GEORGE POWELL,
JOHN BATTY,
GEO. H. MARLATT.

Rep. George Powell moved the following resolution, seconded by Rep. C. B. Taylor, which was adopted:

Resolved,—That the foregoing Report just submitted from the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem be adopted, and that the Grand Master issue orders on the Grand Treasurer in accordance therewith, in favor of Officers and Reps. present.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned until two o'clock p. m.

Two O'Clock P. M., Aug. 3, 1865.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Grand Lodge met at 2 o'clock, the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. James Smith, presiding, and on call of roll the following Officers and Representatives answered to their names:

Grand Master, James Smith; Deputy Grand Master, Thos. Brown; Grand Representative, H. C. Bingham; Grand Secretary and Treasurer, Richard Wigmore; Grand Warden, John Barr; Grand Guardian, Thomas James; Grand Marshal, John Weatherly; Grand Conductor, Abel Bristol.

Reps. J. Taylor, Jr., George Wales, A. Purvis, Thomas Bennett, George Powell, James Heron, W. A. Glover, J. B. King, Geo. Marlatt, H. C. Forsyth, Edmund Beltz, William Harrison, C. B. Taylor, George Werrett, C. W. Kempster, Henry McAfee, John Batty.

Rep. H. McAfee, from the Special Committee on that subject, submitted the following Report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West I. O. O. F.

Your Committee, to whom was referred Clause A of the Report of the R. W. Grand Representative to the United States, submit as follows, viz:

That they have examined the subject in question, referring to the breaking up of Lodges, and the misappropriation of the funds and property of the same, and also have considered the instruction of the Grand Lodge of the United States in the matter. The import of this instruction is:

1. That all such funds and property should be paid over and surrendered to the Grand Lodge, from which the defunct subordinate Lodge derived its authority.
2. That Grand Lodges shall enact Laws to prevent and punish division and misappropriation of funds and property.
3. That Grand Lodges shall enact Laws for the care of the funds and property of defunct Lodges, which funds and property shall become a separate trust or fund, &c.

This Grand Lodge has always adhered to and acted upon the doctrine set forth in the first part of these instructions, and to the best of its ability has also complied with the second part of those instructions.

In regard to the enactment of laws for the care of such funds and property in trust, your Committee would recommend that the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and Grand Secretary and Treasurer, be a Committee to draft and present to this Grand Lodge, for its consideration and adoption, at its next regular meeting, such Laws and Regulations as will meet the wishes of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

And in accordance with the foregoing, your Committee submit the following;

Resolved,—That the Report and recommendation of the Special Committee be adopted.

HENRY McAFEE,
H. C. BINGHAM,
GEORGE POWELL.

Henry McAfee from the Special Committee on State of the Order, submitted the following Report and resolutions which were adopted:

HAMILTON, August 3rd, 1865.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on the State of the Order and Legislation beg leave most respectfully to offer the following as their Report:

1. They have had under their serious consideration the Report of the Most Worthy Grand Master, and they would take the liberty to congratulate this Grand Lodge on the prosperity, harmony and unanimity with which the Lodges in this Jurisdiction are doing their noble and holy work of Friendship, Love and Truth, and also at the reception which the M. W. Grand Master met with in his official visits and capacity as the head of the Order, from the various Lodges which were honored and benefitted by his presence and counsel. But it is a source of deep regret to your Committee to hear that two of our sister Lodges have ceased to exist, yet on the whole we may be permitted to congratulate this Grand Lodge on the prosperity and increase of our beloved Order within our Jurisdiction during the fiscal year now ended. May our Order continue its course upward and onward, until every good and true man in our common country is enrolled beneath our happy and friendly banner of Faith, Hope and Charity.

2. (A) In reference to the decisions of the Grand Master, as submitted in his Report. First, "A member who is in good standing in the Manchester Unity wishing to join our Order, can he do so and remain a member of the former, or in other words can he belong to both?" Answered in the affirmative. We believe the answer to be in accordance with law.

(B.) The next question, "Can a Lodge legally hold property in its own name?" The Grand Master says he referred the brother to the Statute, giving the Chapter and Section.

(C) The next question, "whether a Lodge can invest the Widow's and Orphan's Fund." We believe the reply to be in every way correct, and would further add, that the Lodges should at all times invest said fund to the best advantage, but in such a manner that it could be always at the control of the Lodge, to be available at any time.

(D) The next decision, "Can a Lodge after electing a candidate to membership and previous to his admission, have they or not the right to reconsider the matter and order a new ballot for the candidate?" Answered in the affirmative. We think this question of much importance and should be well understood. For instance, if the Lodge ascertains that the applicant for membership made false representations in order to gain admission into the Order, then the Lodge would clearly have the right to reconsider and reject the applicant.

(E) The next decision was in reply to the question, "A brother who has been a member of the Order, and passed all the Chairs, and had been a member of his State Grand Lodge, who cannot prove satisfactorily his standing, having no card, in consequence of his Lodge having ceased to work, and joins another Lodge by initiation, has that Lodge a right to confer over again the Degrees on the brother? Or does his initiation entitle him to the rank and position he formerly held in the Order?" Replied to in the negative as follows: That the re-initiation of a member was illegal, as a brother can only be admitted by Card, &c., which decision we deem to be legal and in accordance with law and usage.

(F) The next decision was in reply to the question, "Whether, if a Lodge had conferred the Degrees on a brother, situated (as described in the preceding question and reply) would they be compelled to refund the money to the Brother which he paid for same." Replied to as follows: "That if the member was ignorant of the law and acted *bona fide*, he ought to have the money refunded, if otherwise, he ought to forfeit it." In the case wherein this question was asked

and reply given, the Brother expressed the desire to have the degrees conferred on him, as he would much rather pay for them, than go to the trouble of hunting up evidence of his having before taken them ; and under the circumstances it is the opinion of your Committee that as the Lodge acted in good faith, and at the request of the brother, the money should be forfeited to the Lodge, although we must add that the proceedings were at variance with the Laws and usages of the Order.

Your Committee are sorry to be informed that Bro. Peel will not be present at this Session (in consequence of a death in his family) to receive the Testimonial so honorably earned from this Grand Lodge.

Your Committee would earnestly endorse all that the Grand Master has said with regard to D. D. G. M's. making full and complete semi-annual Reports to the Grand Secretary, as such reports would materially assist that Officer in his arduous duties, and in making out the statistics for this Grand Lodge.

With regard to the action taken by the Officers of this Grand Lodge, on the assassination of the late President of the United States, Abraham Lincoln, your Committee would fully endorse the action of the Grand Officers.

With regard to the very able and lucid Report of our efficient and Worthy Grand Secretary, Bro. Wigmore, your Committee have but few suggestions to offer, as the document which you have heard read this morning, in every particular is full, clear and explicit ; clearly demonstrating that our noble Institution is amply fulfilling its mission and labor of love, and that it is both numerically and financially at this time, in as healthy a condition throughout this Jurisdiction as at any former period of its existence. And while your Committee deplore the loss of two of our subordinate Lodges, yet we have abundant cause for congratulation that we are as a whole in such happy and prosperous circumstances as are set forth in that Report. Your Committee would recommend that the Grand Master be instructed to appoint a Committee of one P. G. to visit the defunct Lodges mentioned in the Report, with power to reclaim the Charters, Books, Regalia, Furniture and Funds of said Lodge, and deposit the same with the Grand Secretary.

We have also had under the consideration the able and masterly Report of our R. W. Grand Representative, Bro. Bingham, and find that nothing therein contained calls for any legislation from this Committee or the Grand Lodge ; only to thank most cordially that faithful and efficient officer, for the able and zealous manner in which he has discharged his duties.

In conclusion Brothers, we would again congratulate this Grand Lodge on the prosperity of our noble and beloved Order. May it continue to increase.

We therefore submit the following resolutions for approval :

Resolved,—That Resolution marked A, be hereby declared adopted.
Resolved,—That Resolution marked B, be adopted.
Resolved,—That Resolution marked C, be declared adopted.
Resolved,—That Resolution marked D, be adopted.
Resolved,—That Resolution marked E, be adopted.
Resolved,—That Resolution marked F. be adopted.
Resolved,—That the remainder of the Report be adopted.
Resolved,—That the Report as a whole be declared adopted.

HENRY McAFEE,
GEORGE WALES,
JAMES HERON,
CHAS. B. TAYLOR.

The Grand Master decided that no Past Grand of a Subordinate Lodge has a right to move or second a motion, or debate on any subject unless a P. G. Master.

The Grand Master here requested the Grand Representative of the G. L. U. S., Bro. H. C. Bingham, to instruct the Grand Lodge in the Secret Work of the Order.

The Grand Representative after having given the proper instructions in the Secret Work, the Rebekah Degree was conferred on the following brothers :

Robert Dale, Joseph Light, John Wetherly, George Werrett, John Taylor, George Knight and Josiah Kaply.

Moved by Rep. W. A. Glover, seconded by Rep. H. C. Forsyth, and

Resolved,—That this Grand Lodge make application to the next session of the Provincial Parliament for an Act of Incorporation for the Order of I. O. O. F. of Canada West, and that the Representatives present use their influence with the members of Parliament with whom they may be acquainted, with a view of securing the passage of the same.

Moved by Rep. Henry McAfee, seconded by Rep. H. C. Forsyth, and

Resolved,—That the Officers, Representatives, and Past Grands of this Grand Lodge appear at the supper this evening, at the Royal Hotel, in regalia.

Lodge closed in the Scarlet Degree and opened in the Grand Lodge Degree, when the following Past Grands having been duly admitted received the Grand Lodge Degree.

Bro. Richard Anderson.....Eureka Lodge, No. 30.
" George Werrett.....Long Point Lodge, No. 42.

On motion the Grand Lodge closed in the Grand Lodge Degree and opened in the Scarlet Degree.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to the nomination of Officers for the ensuing year, which being in order the following brothers were nominated:

P. G.	J. Heron	nominated	P. G.	Thos. Brown,	for Grand Master.	
"	J. B. King,	"	"	J. D. Tait,	"	"
"	E. Beltz,	"	"	R. Wigmore	"	" declined
"	Henry McAfee	"	"	John Barr,	for Deputy Grand Master	
"	Wm. Bissell,	"	"	Henry McAfee	"	" "
"	G. Marlatt,	"	"	W. A. Glover	for Grand Warden.	
"	E. Beltz,	"	"	James Heron	"	"
"	James Heron	"	"	E. Beltz	"	"
"	C. B. Taylor,	"	"	R. Wigmore	"	Sec. & Treas.
"	Jno. Taylor, Jr.	"	"	Thomas James,	"	" "
"	J. B. King,	"	"	H. C. Bingham,	Grand Rep. G.L.U.S.	
"	John Taylor,	"	"	James Smith,	"	" "
"	W. A. Glover,	"	"	James Woodyatt	"	" "

R. W. Grand Representative H. C. Bingham, and P G. M. James Woodyatt declined the nomination.

The nomination being closed the Grand Master appointed Reps. Powell and Purvis, Tellers, and proceeded to election, with the following result:

James D. Tait... ....M. W. Grand Master.
Henry McAfee.....R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
Edmund Beltz..... " Grand Warden.
Richard Wigmore..... " " Sec. and Treas.
Jas. Smith..... " " Representative.

The above named Officers were then duly presented by P. G. M.'s Bissell and Woodyatt, and installed by G. Rep. Bingham into their respective chairs.

The Grand Master afterwards made the following appointments, viz:

P. G. John Taylor, Jr.....Grand Marshal.
" Geo. Powell..... " Conductor.
" J. B. King..... " Guardian.

The following Past Grands were duly appointed D. D. G. M.'s for their respective Districts, viz:

Brock Lodge.....John Taylor.
Union Lodge.....Walter Chatfield
Chatham Lodge.....John Snider.
Eureka and Forest City Lodges.....Robt. Kirkpatrick.
Erie Lodge.....W. A. Glover.
Gore Lodge.....G. Lauterbach.
Samaritan Lodge.....Abel Bristol.
St. Marys Lodge.....John McLean.
Imperial Lodge.....Smith Mathews.
Avon Lodge.....Henry Sewell.
Long Point Lodge.....John Wetherly.
Excelsior Lodge.....A. Frew.
Frontier Lodge.....John Batty.

Moved by Bro. James Woodyatt, and seconded by Bro. W. A. Glover,

Whereas it was not possible for our respected Brother, P. D. G. Master, John R. Peel to be present at this session of the Grand Lodge, for the purpose of receiving the Testimonial procured for presentation to him, as announced to the several Subordinate Lodges in this Jurisdiction. Therefore,

Resolved,—That the M. W. Grand Master and the R. W. Grand Secretary be a Committee to draft a suitable address, and forward the same with the Testimonial to Bro. John R. Peel.

Moved by Rep. Henry McAfee, seconded by Rep. Edmund Beltz, and

Resolved,—That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are hereby unanimously tendered to each and all of our retiring Grand Officers, for the earnest and zealous manner in which they have performed their onerous duties during the past year. Where each has so well performed his duty it would be unnecessary to particularize, but to one and all, this Grand Lodge hereby tender their affectionate and brotherly regards, and as they retire from the high and responsible positions in which this Grand Lodge has placed them, it will be with the pleasing remembrance that they have done their whole duty to themselves and the Order throughout the Jurisdiction.

Moved by Rep. J. B. King, seconded by Rep. Edmund Beltz, and

Resolved,—That the Grand Secretary be ordered to get the proceedings of this session of this Grand Lodge printed as soon as practicable, and that he forward the usual number of copies to Subordinate Lodges immediately thereafter.

Moved by Rep. J. B. King, seconded by Rep. H. C. Forsyth, and

Resolved,—That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are hereby tendered to the Brothers of Excelsior Lodge for the accommodation afforded, and for the hospitality and kindness evinced to the members of this Grand Lodge.

The following was then adopted, That this Grand Lodge do now adjourn to meet in the Town of Brantford on the first Wednesday in August, A. D. 1866, at the hour of nine o'clock in the morning.

RICHARD WIGMORE,
Grand Secretary.

Twelfth Annual Communication

HELD IN THE

TOWN OF BRANTFORD, AUGUST 1st, 1866.

The members of Gore Lodge having assembled in special session to receive the Grand Officers and Representatives of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West, and

The Grand Master, Officers and Representatives having been duly announced and admitted,

The Noble Grand, Bro. Edwin Chalcraft, on the part of Gore Lodge, welcomed the Grand Lodge to Brantford, and tendered the use of the Lodge Room—expressing a desire that the session would prove harmonious and useful.

The M. W. Grand Master thanked the brethren of Gore Lodge for their cordial reception, and gladly accepted the use of their Lodge Room for the Grand Lodge, after which the special meeting of Gore Lodge closed, and

The M. W. Grand Master having taken the chair, called the Grand Lodge to order, and opened in the Grand Lodge Degree.

The roll of Officers being called, the following answered to their names:

JAMES D. TAIT		*M. W. Grand Master.*
HENRY McAFEE,		*R. W. Deputy Grand Master.*
RICHARD WIGMORE	"	*Grand Sec. and Treas.*
JAMES SMITH,	" "	*Rep. to U. S.*
J. B. KING	" "	*Guardian.*
JOHN TAYLOR, Jr.	" "	*Marshall.*

The M. W. Grand Master appointed Rep. John Barr, Grand Conductor *pro. tem.*

The M. W. Grand Master announced the Committee on Credentials, viz:—Deputy Grand Master, Henry McAfee; Past Grand Master,

H. C. Bingham; R. W. Grand Sec. and Treas., Richard Wigmore.

D. G. M. H. McAfee, from the Committee on Credentials, submitted the following Report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. the Grand Lodge of Canada West I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Credentials submit the following as the result of their investigation.

We find the certificates of the following in due form, entitling them to seats in this Grand Lodge as Representatives:

JOHN TAYLOR, JR.	*Brock*	*Lodge*	*No.*	9.
A. PURVIS	*Union*	"	"	16.
WM. B. WOODYATT,	*Gore*	"	"	34.
HENRY NORTHWOOD,	*Chatham*	"	"	29.
M. D. DAWSON THOMAS PARTRIDGE WM. BISSELL	*Forest City*	"	"	38.
WM. MOWATT,	*Avon*	"	"	41.
J. H. STEWART JOHN BATTY	*Frontier*	"	"	45.
JOHN BARR J. W. FERGUSON	*Excelsior*	"	"	44.

We also find the Certificates of the following, entitling them to seats as Past Grands:

A. D. CLEMENT.....*Gore Lodge*.....No. 34
A. FREW.....*Excelsior Lodge*.....No. 44

We therefore submit the following:

Resolved,—That the Past Grands and Representatives above named be now admitted and instructed in the Grand Lodge Degree.

HENRY McAFEE,
H. C. BINGHAM,
RICHARD WIGMORE.

The Grand Marshal, Rep. John Taylor, Jr., introduced the following Representatives to the Grand Master, as entitled to receive the Grand Lodge Degree, viz.:

HENRY NORTHWOOD.....*Chatham Lodge*.....No. 29
MELVILLE D. DAWSON.....*Forest City Lodge*.....No. 38
J. H. STEWART.....*Frontier Lodge*.....No. 45
J. W. FERGUSON.....*Excelsior Lodge*.....No. 44

On the roll of Representatives being called, the following answered to their names:

JOHN TAYLOR, JR.	*Brock*	*Lodge*	*No.*	9.
ADAM PURVIS	*Union*	"	"	16.
HENRY NORTHWOOD	*Chatham*	"	"	29.
WM. MOWATT	*Avon*	"	"	41.
JOHN BATTY J. H. STEWART	*Frontier*	"	"	45.
JOHN BARR J. W. FERGUSON	*Excelsior*	"	"	44.

D. G. M. H. McAfee from the Committee on Credentials submitted the following Supplementary Report, No. 1, which was adopted:—

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West, I. O. O. F.

Your Committee on Credentials beg to report further upon the Credentials of the following named Past Grands entitled to seats as Reps.:

ROBERT KIRKPATRICK	*Eureka*	*Lodge*	*No.*	30.
JAMES HERON	"	"	"	"
ALEXANDER McBRIDE	*Erie*	"	"	33.
W. A. GLOVER	"	"	"	"
JAMES McINTYRE	*Samaritan*	"	"	35.

We therefore submit the following:

Resolved,—That the foregoing Past Grands be admitted and instructed in the Grand Lodge Degree, if not already instructed.

HENRY McAFEE,
H. C. BINGHAM,
R. WIGMORE.

H. McAfee, D. G. M. from the Committee on Credentials submitted the following Supplementary Report, No. 2, which was adopted :—

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Credentials beg to report Past Grand Master S. G. Dolson in waiting, and entitled to a seat in this Grand Lodge as a Representative, his Certificate being in due form, and we therefore recommend his admission.

HENRY McAFEE,
H. C. BINGHAM,
RICHARD WIGMORE.

The question of adopting the minutes of the last Session as printed being considered;

On motion of Rep. Partridge, a special committee was appointed to revise and correct the printed proceedings of the last Grand Lodge meeting, and report upon the same.

The Grand Master appointed the following as a Committee: Reps. W. Bissell, and Thos Partridge, and P. G. Master, H. C. Bingham.

The M. W. Grand Master then announced the following Committees:

On Distribution.—Reps. Samuel G. Dolson, Robert Kirkpatrick, M. D. Dawson, John Barr and John Batty.

On Correspondence.—Reps. John Taylor, Jr., Adam Purvis, Henry Northwood, James McIntyre.

On Returns.—Reps. W. A. Glover, James Heron, M. D. Dawson, J. W. Ferguson.

On State of the Order and Legislation.—Reps. Samuel G. Dolson, W. Bissell, Thos. Partridge, W. B. Woodyatt, John Barr, W. Mowatt.

On Finance.—Reps. John Taylor, Jr., Robert Kirkpatrick, W. A. Glover, H. Northwood, W. N. Ford.

On Laws of Subordinates.—Reps. Wm. Bissell, John Taylor, Jr., Jas. Heron, W. A. Glover, W. Mowatt.

On Appeals.—Reps. J. W. Fergusson, John Batty, Jas. H. Stewart, James McIntyre and Wm. M. McBride.

On Mileage and Per Diem.—Reps. A. Purvis, Thos. Partridge, John Barr, J. W. Fergusson, W. W. Brown and W. M. McBride.

On motion the Lodge closed in the Grand Lodge Degree and opened in the Scarlet Degree.

The Most Worthy Grand Master submitted his Annual Report, as follows:

GRAND MASTER'S REPORT.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West, I. O. O. F.:

Officers and Representatives,—Permit me to welcome you once more to the mystic circle of the Grand Lodge.

Through the infinite mercy of Divine Providence we have again been permitted to assemble together, to legislate in "Friendship, Love and Truth," for the welfare and advancement of our noble Order.

1. It affords me much gratification to preside over your deliberations at this time, and to meet so many old familiar faces. But that pleasure is alloyed with sorrow, at the removal from this earthly encampment of those devoted and time honored brethren, Past Grand Master C. Yale, and P. D. Grand Master Henry Sewell. While we mourn over their demise, let us hope that our loss is their everlasting gain, and that, though these pillars of Odd Fellowship have been removed from this earthly Lodge, the memory of the good deeds they have done will long be green and fresh in the memory of the Brotherhood. The loss of Bro. Yale is severely felt in the St. Catharines District, where he was regarded as a patriarch indeed, and a connecting link in the chain of our fraternal existence. Long and sincerely he labored to build up and extend the influence of Odd Fellowship, and in the evening of his days he had the proud satisfaction of seeing that his life long labors had not been altogether in vain,

2. Since we last assembled our country has been subjected to an invasion by a horde of ruffians styling themselves Fenians, who endeavored to render our homes desolate, and deprive us of that beneficent system of government under which we have been so abundantly blessed as a people; we have reason to feel prond of the spontaneous response given by all classes of the people, to repel the invaders and drive them back in disgrace from whence they came. How marked a contrast does there exist between the Fenian organization and our own; there is a fellowship in each, but while theirs is avowedly for exciting the worst of human passions, ours is calculated to cement together the kindliest feelings of our nature, to succor the widows and orphans, to relieve the distressed, and so act under the divine providence of God, as to attain as nearly as possible the summit of human happiness.

On a former occasion my predecessor had the pleasure of submitting to you a communication from Bro. Schuyler Colfax, of Indiana, through whom was transmitted an address to His Excellency Andrew Johnson, President of the United States, referring to the assassination of Abraham Lincoln, late President of the United States. His reply was couched in very complimentary language, and dwelt upon the friendly and brotherly feeling expressed in our letter. I regret to state that I have since learned that this brother has openly countenanced the Fenian organization, and thus placed himself in a position of antagonism to us, and also to the well known principles of our Order.

3. On June 5th, in company with P. G., A. Purvis, and according to arrangement with D. D. Grand Master, A. Frew, I paid a visit to Excelsior Lodge No. 44, Hamilton. This Lodge is one of the youngest in the jurisdiction, but the membership and representation show her to be in a flourishing condition. In Bro. Frew's report for July, he says: "The prospects of our Order here are exceedingly encouraging; during the last term we have made 28 new members, conferred 92 degrees, and since the first of the month we have had eight applications for membership." I feel assured that if harmony continues to prevail among

the members of Excelsior Lodge, she will take high rank in the Order, from her position in one of the first cities of the West. While visiting the above Lodge, the minute book of Burlington Lodge No. 17, which had been recovered by the energetic endeavors of Bros. Barr and Frew, was handed to me. The last meeting held by this Lodge was in March, 1848, over eighteen years ago. The records contain matters of much interest, and will repay the curious who may give them a careful perusal.

4. In the month of March I received a pressing invitation from D. D. Grand Master, John Taylor, to visit Brock Lodge No. 9, to attend their anniversary supper. I could not at the time comply with their wishes. A short time after, while on a business journey to Montreal, I stayed over a few hours at Brockville, but was unable, from the short notice given, to obtain a special meeting. This was during the first Fenian excitement, and I found Bro. Taylor, together with other brothers, "doing duty at their country's call," thereby giving practical evidence, that while we as Odd Fellows are "fraternal to our fellow men," we are at the same time faithful to our Queen and country. Brock Lodge, in her old age, is still healthy and vigorous.

5. On Monday evening, July 16th, I visited Forest City Lodge No. 38, London. A well filled Lodge and a bright glare of scarlet regalia greeted my eyes as I entered the room, thus reflecting on my mind the motto, "zealous in the cause and well up in the Order." I took part in an initiation, and (although early in the term), I was much pleased with the proficiency of the several officers. Seven petitions were presented.

The following evening I visited the officers and members of Eureka Lodge No. 30. The meeting to me was an interesting one, the work was prompt and correct, showing that this Lodge is a strong pillar in the temple of Odd Fellowship.

From among the warm-hearted brothers of London, I took my departure to visit Samaritan Lodge No. 35, Ingersoll. Arriving there, I found awaiting me our firm, tried and true brother, D. D. Grand Master, A. Bristol; after an hour's conversation with a few of the brothers, I proceeded to their Lodge room, took my seat amongst them in due form, and the business of the evening went on. I am pleased to say that a more contented and happy family compact it never has been my privilege to witness. Samaritan Lodge during the early part of the year was in rather a precarious condition: in the D. D. Grand Master's Report, he alludes to the time when he saw but little hope of their surviving long as a Lodge, but towards the close of the term he forwarded a most encouraging report.

I have met thrice with Union Lodge, No. 16, in an official capacity. I installed the officers of both terms, and also paid an official visit in June last. It would be unbecoming in me to eulogize my parent Lodge, I may, however, be pardoned for the just pride that I cherish in hailing from one so honored and revered by all for her steadfast adherence to the principles of the Order. She is now as she has ever been—faithful and true.

6. I regret to report that Long Point Lodge has been compelled to surrender her Charter. In a letter from Bro. R. Thoroughgood, he deplores that such is the case, giving as a reason for their discontinuing to work, a lack of interest, and irregular attendance of the members. He enclosed me $2.00 as per centage due Grand Lodge up to the time that the Lodge became defunct, and informed me that the Charter, W.

Books, and a quantity of blank forms were in his hands, I instructed him to forward them to D. D. G. M. Lauterbach, in trust for Grand Lodge. This request has been complied with.

I have been supplied through the same source with a list of brothers names who are entitled to Cards of Clearance from the time Long Point Lodge became defunct. I would most respectfully recommend that said Cards be issued by authority of this R. W. Grand Lodge, to the following brothers, viz :—George Wetherly, John Wilson, Thomas Simpson, George F. Counter, John Reid, Geo. Werrett, Chas. Damyon, Thos. Robertslaw, John S. Austin, Duncan M. Wilson, and Reuben Thoroughgood. I have to commend those brothers for their fidelity to their pledge of honor.

Imperial Lodge, No. 37, has also ceased to exist. I am in receipt of communications from Bros. Smith Mathews, H. C. Forsyth and others, tendering their effects and funds to Grand Lodge, with the view of joining Gore Lodge, No. 34, Brantford.

7. During the early part of January I received a communication through the R. W. Grand Secretary, from five Scarlet members, praying for a Warrant to open a Lodge, under the name and title of Mount Zion Lodge, No. 46, in the Village of Newbury, C. W. I issued said Warrant and commissioned the proper officer of that jurisdiction to institute said Lodge. He having declined, I instructed the R. W. Grand Secretary to proceed and perform that duty. He accepted the trust, and carried out the same on the 18th of January, in company with Grand Warden Beltz, D. D. G. M., R. Kirkpatrick, P. G. Anderson Chapman, and M. Dawson. The R. W. Grand Secretary informs me that since their institution he has paid them several visits, and that they are making daily improvement both in knowledge of the work and in point of membership.

8. When I accepted the office of Grand Master at your hands, I did so under the impression that, selecting my own time, I could accomplish a visit to every Lodge in the jurisdiction ; in this I have been disappointed. I have therefore been compelled to deny myself the pleasure of visiting the following Lodges, viz : Chatham Lodge, No. 29, Erie Lodge, No. 33, Gore Lodge, No. 34, St. Marys Lodge, No. 36, Avon Lodge, No. 41, and Frontier Lodge, No. 45. Nevertheless, I have been in constant correspondence with the different D. D. G. M.'s of those districts (whose diligence I take pleasure in recording here) and from all, come the cheering intelligence, "We are increasing in membership, in wealth, and position." The powers of expansion exhibited in the "Infant" Lodge at Windsor are unprecedented ; they, truly, are giants in latter days.

9. Report of commission to Rond Eau Lodge is detailed in correspondence of Bros. Bennett and Snyder, and also referred to in a letter marked A. from the R. W. Grand Secretary. A card of clearance, as ordered by the Grand Lodge, has been issued to Bro. Graham of the late Thames Lodge, Mitchell.

10. Points of law, submitted for my decision, are few in number, and as follows :—1st. Query—Is the junior P. G. of a Lodge, eligible to be sent to Grand Lodge, when there are other qualified P. G.'s who are willing to attend ? Answer,—A junior P. G. is not directly speaking an officer of a Lodge, but may be elected a Representative to Grand Lodge. (Page 148, clause 5 of revised Digest.

2nd. A person is proposed for admission by card, pays his fee $5,

and is appointed or elected to office. On the next night of meeting some of the members take exception to his standing in the community, alleging that he is engaged in an unlawful calling. A committee is appointed to make the necessary inquiries in the case, report in due time to the Lodge that they are satisfied beyond doubt that the party in question keeps an unlicensed grogery. The Lodge take action on the report, and recommend that the Five Dollars which the party had paid into the Lodge be given back to him, and that he be requested to consider his membership at an end. He accepts the money, and there the matter rested for, say two years and a half, there being a mutual understanding that no membership exists. The party now wishes to become a member of the same Lodge, not considering himself as belonging to any. The question is, how can it be done? Can he be received as an Ancient Odd-Fellow ; or is he actually a member, having been formerly received? Did the mutual understanding between him and the Lodge two and a half years ago, dissolve his connection, he having received back his fee ; or is he still a member? If a member must he pay his two and a half year's dues before he can be accepted as good on the books? If not a member, can he be proposed as if no former action had been taken? In short, what is his position in connection with the Lodge.

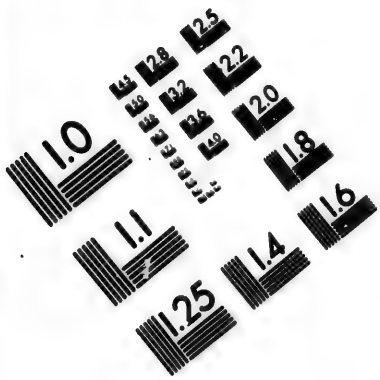
Answer given by referring to Digest, page 89, clause 19. "If a person be illegally elected to membership through fraud or mistake, (as to his health or otherwise) a majority of the Lodge can, previously to his initiation, order a new ballot ; but if the fraud be not discovered until after his initiation, the party must be regarded as a member, and can only be expelled upon a regular trial." In accordance with the foregoing, I decided that the Lodge committed an error in returning the fee and coming to an understanding of the kind. If the Brother has not ceased to become a member from non-payment of dues, he can make himself good by paying all arrearage, or by compromise ; yet the charge would still be pending.

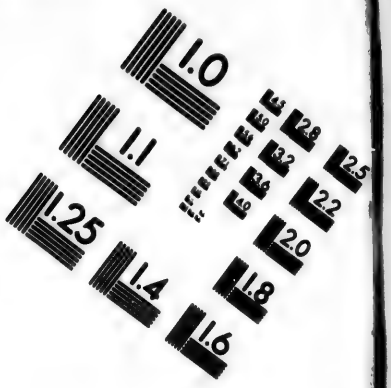
11. I have to acknowledge receipt of a copy of proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Kansas, U. S. In looking over it I find the following reference, " No action has yet been had in regard to procuring charters from the Grand Lodge of Canada West, for the same reason as assigned in a former report, viz : the high rate of exchange. The Subordinate Lodges are exceedingly anxious to have their charters, and would respectfully ask some definite legislation on the subject."

12. According to resolutions passed at the last session of Grand Lodge, appointing the Grand Master and Grand Secretary as a special committee, to draft an address to be presented to Bro. John Peel. The committee have carried out their instructions. The address and Jewel were presented by Grand Rep. Jas. Smith, assisted by the R. W. Grand Secretary at a meeting of Eureka and Forest City Lodges, and in the presence of P. G. Sire J. B. Nicholson. Bro. Peel made a most affectionate reply, and all present were delighted with the social reunion. A copy of the address is herewith submitted :

TO PAST DEPUTY GRAND MASTER, JOHN R. PEEL.

Dear Sir and Brother.—It was with feelings of unalloyed regret to the members of the Grand Lodge of Canada West, of the I. O. O. F., at their last session, held in the city of Hamilton, to learn that a sudden and unexpected bereavement in your family would prevent you from being present at that meeting, and thereby deprive them of the pleasure they had in view of placing upon their records the high estimation in which you were held by the Order in this Jurisdiction, as an Odd Fellow, and a just appreciation of your ability as an artist,





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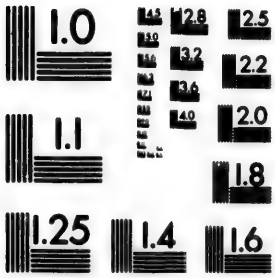

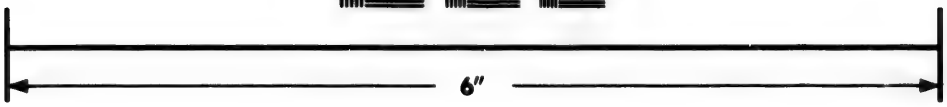

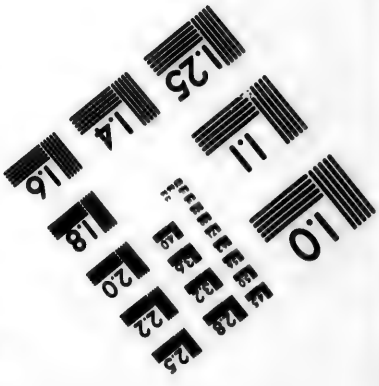

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which the beautiful design presented by you to the Grand Lodge for a Charter, most fully and substantially proves.

The Grand Lodge has long felt its inability to do you the justice which the time and labor you have spent on that beautiful design fully entitles you; but we are satisfied that is not so much the real value of the article that may be tendered to you as the spirit from which it emanates, that we can assure you is unanimous, and only to be regretted by all, that more could not be done. Therefore, Dear Brother, please to accept this Jewel of the Order as a slight souvenir of our affectionate regards towards you, and may the feelings which prompt the gift stimulate you to still persevere in spreading faithfully, wherever your lot may be cast, the healthy and beneficial influence of Odd Fellowship.

May the All seeing Eye of the Ruler of the Universe watch over you during your earthly pilgrimage, and at the Great Day, when all shall be called upon to give account of their stewardship, may you be permitted to receive the everlasting Jewel of Eternal Life, and with the right hand of Angelic Fellowship be enrolled a member of the Grand Lodge above, where our Heavenly Father rules and presides for evermore.

(Signed,)

JAMES D. TAIT,
M. W. Grand Master.

RICHARD WIGMORE,
R. W. Grand Secretary.

13. P. G. Sire Nicholson's visit to Canada, were times of refreshing to all who had the privilege of hearing his lectures, receiving his instructions, and enjoying his social company. His institution of Harmony Encampment, No. 3, London, and Frontier Encampment, No. 2, Windsor, gave them a prestige otherwise unattainable.

14. Representatives,—In resigning again to your keeping the highest office in your gift, permit me to thank you for the uniform courtesy and assistance so freely extended to me in everything pertaining to my office. I am deeply sensible of my short comings, and regret exceedingly the many calls of my own private business would not allow to devote that attention I intended to bestow upon the duties pertaining to the Grand Master's chair.

In conclusion, I have to congratulate you on the steady advancement and progress of Odd-Fellowship, both in Canada and the United States. And I retire from the chair with feelings of pleasure and pride afforded me by the prospect of still greater triumphs awaiting the Order in the future. May Providence have you all in his safe keeping, and let us earnestly invoke a continuance of those blessings which have been so abundantly showered upon us as individuals and as a Society. God bless you all.

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES DAVIDSON TAIT.
Grand Master.

On motion of Rep. John Barr, the Grand Master's Report was referred to the Committee on Distribution.

The R. W. Grand Secretary and Treasurer submitted the following report which was referred to the Committee on Distribution.

GRAND SECRETARY AND TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West, I. O. O. F.:

In compliance with the Constitution of our R. W. Grand Lodge, I herewith submit to you a report upon the condition of the Order in this jurisdiction.

Brethren,—The return of another Grand Lodge meeting should bring with it the solemn and peculiar feelings common to all of our race,

who are alive to their instincts as children of one common parent, the lapse of another year. And while its trials and sorrows are past, we cannot forget the manifold blessings and privileges with which we have been favored, how we are again permitted to associate ourselves together, under the mild and benign banner of our Order, clasp each others hand in communion and fellowship, and unite to more closely develop the principles of Friendship, Love and Truth. Who that has a heart to feel, must not at this hallowed moment and under such gracious and favorable circumstances, thankfully render the tribute of gratitude to Almighty God for his kindness in sparing our lives and permitting us once more to meet in this Hall, consecrated to Friendship, Love and Truth.

Since our last annual communication, part of our jurisdiction has had a visit from Past Grand Sire, Bro. J. B. Nicholson, of Philadelphia, and speaking of that worthy Brother brings up joyous emotions. His visit to Canada will never be forgotten. Imbued with fervent charity to all men—long may the great Master of the universe spare him to expound the gentle teachings and grand truths to which he gave utterance in the halls of St. Catharines, Brantford, London and Windsor—may his shadow never grow less and immortality crown his earthly transit.

Immediately after the Session of this Grand Body, held at Hamilton, Canada West, I compiled the proceedings thereof, and according to a resolution of this Grand Lodge, caused 200 copies to be printed and forwarded to all Subordinate Lodges and Grand Officers of this jurisdiction; also, to all Grand Lodges and Encampments through the United States.

I have, during the past year, received the proceedings of the following Grand Lodges and Encampments, viz: From the Grand Lodges of Indiana, Kansas, California, Maine, Connecticut, Oregon, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Nebraska, Wisconsin, Kentucky, Michigan and Massachusetts, and from the Grand Encampments of Wisconsin, Indiana, Iowa, Pennsylvania, Ohio, New Hampshire, Kentucky, New Jersey, Massachusetts and Illinois.

1. My correspondence for the past year will be laid before you for your inspection. But little of consequence has been received.

2. According to the report of the Committee on Correspondence at the last year's Session, and adopted by the R. W. Grand Lodge, (page 327.) I notified Jared M. Gleeson and Chas. M. Male, of Lockport, U. S., of the action of this Grand Body regarding their cards of clearance from this Grand Lodge, and returned the one dollar "green back" which they forwarded for said cards.

3. The resolution of this Grand Lodge of last year, on page 334 of the Journal of Proceedings, referring to the presentation of the Jewel to P. D. Grand Master Peel, has been duly carried into effect.

4. The By-Laws of Mount Zion Lodge, No. 46, are hereby laid before this Grand Body for approval.

5. On July 13th, 1866, I received a letter from Columbia, South Carolina, dated July 6th, 1866, and signed by John Stork, enclosing 30 cents in scrip to forward 13 circulars to the different Lodges in this jurisdiction; said circulars have not yet arrived.

6. The semi-annual returns for both terms have been duly received from all our Lodges, except Imperial Lodge No. 37, Burford and Long Point Lodge No. 42, Simcoe. I received two dollars from the M. W.

Grand Master, as sent to him from Long Point Lodge, being the amount due Grand Lodge at the time of said Lodge breaking up.

7. Your Secretary, since his arrival in Brantford, received from Bros. Matthews and Findlay, the books, papers, funds, &c., &c., belonging to Imperial Lodge, with an Inventory marked B. The funds returned to this Grand Lodge by said Brothers amount to ($40) forty dollars.

The Communication received by our M. W. Grand Master, will explain the position of Long Point Lodge No. 42, Simcoe.

8. On the 29th of November, 1865, I received from D. D. Grand Master, Bro. Snyder, and P. Grand Bro. J. Bennett, of Chatham Lodge, through express, property of Rond Eau Lodge No. 40, consisting of books, papers, &c., &c. On receipt of said property your Secretary caused an Inventory to be taken of the same by Grand Warden Bro. E. Beltz, of Forest City Lodge, and Bro. Craig, of Eureka Lodge, London, C. W. The valuation of said property amounts to $36.35. The Charter and Seal of said Lodge are now in possession of this Grand Lodge.

9. A circular has been duly received from the R. W. Grand C. and R. Secretary of the Grand Lodge, United States, informing this Grand Lodge that at the next Session of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the U. S., the revision of the work will come especially before the R. W. Grand Lodge for the consideration and final action.

10. A communication has also been received from the R. W. G. C. and R. Secretary of the Grand Lodge, United States, enclosing slips of the new forms of O. B. N., which I distributed to the different Lodges under this jurisdiction.

11. In accordance with the Report of the Committee on Returns, (page 327 of last year's Journal,) regarding the overcharge of percentage to Erie Lodge, No. 33, by this Grand Lodge, which report was adopted, I credited Erie Lodge with the amount overcharged.

12. At the Institution of Mount Zion Lodge No. 46, Newbury, C. W., your Secretary disposed of all the effects received from Rond Eau Lodge, except the Seal and Charter to Mount Zion Lodge, at the valuation of Bros. Beltz and Craig, and Rond Eau Lodge has been duly credited on the books of this Grand Lodge.

13. Your Secretary received communications from the Grand Lodges of New Jersey and Massachusetts, asking for all back numbers of the Journal of Proceedings of this Grand Body. There not being sufficient numbers on hand, I could not comply with the request.

14. The account of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States is most respectfully laid before this Grand Lodge.

15. The Income and the Expenditure of this Grand Lodge for the past year is herewith respectfully submitted, which I hope will prove in every way satisfactory.

RICHARD WIGMORE, GRAND SECRETARY AND TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE R. W. GRAND LODGE, C. W., I. O. O. F.

DR.

1865.				
August 3.	To Cash on hand			$456 22
1866.				
Jan'y 1	To Brock Lodge No. 9, Per centage	$9 52		
June 30	" " " "	30 11	22 62	
Jan'y 1	" Union Lodge No. 16 "	17 80		
June 30	" " " "	22 85	40 65	
Jan'y 1	" Chatham Lodge No. 29 "	12 08		
June 30	" " " "	12 44	24 52	
Jan'y 1	" Eureka Lodge No. 30 "	36 91		
June 30	" " " "	45 11	81 02	
Jan'y 1	" Erie Lodge No. 33 "	22 26		
June 30	" " " "	27 21	49 87	
Jan'y 1	" Gore Lodge No. 34 "	10 29		
June 30	" " " "	11 06	21 35	
Jan'y 1	" Samaritan Lodge No. 35 "	7 52		
June 30	" " " "	13 60	21 12	
Jan'y 1	" St. Marys Lodge No. 36 "	9 26		
June 30	" " " "	12 09	21 35	
Jan'y 1	" Forest City Lodge No. 38 "	49 24		
June 30	" " " "	60 45	109 69	
Jan'y 1	" Avon Lodge No. 41 "	7 31		
June 30	" " " "	8 81		
Jan'y 1	" Long Point Lodge No. 42 "	2 00	18 12	
Jan'y 1	" Excelsior Lodge No. 44 "	8 70		
June 30	" " " "	44 92	53 62	
Jan'y 1	" Frontier Lodge No. 45 "	31 30		
July 1	" " " "	32 92	64 32	
June 30	" Mount Zion Lodge No. 46 "	15 00	15 00	
"	" Imperial Lodge, amount surrendered	40 00		
August	" Cash from Union Lodge, cards, books, &c.	8 37		
July	" " Erie Lodge, "	12 79		
"	" " Gore Lodge, "	2 44		
"	" " Samaritan Lodge "	1 50		
"	" " Forest City Lodge, cards,	12 36		
"	" " Frontier Lodge, cards,	10 00	87 96	
"	" " Eureka Lodge, cards,	7 80		
"	" " Mount Zion Lodge,	81 00		
"	" " Union Encampment,	6 00		
"	" " Harmony do	1 50		
			96 30	

WILDEY MONUMENT FUND.

Balance	$6 00
Chatham Lodge No. 29	4 00
Erie Lodge No. 33	5 00
	$15 00

$1182 83

1865.		CR.			
August.	By paid	mileage and per diem of Officers and Grand Representatives at the Session held at Hamilton, C. W.:			
"	"	R. W. Grand Rep. to G. L. U. S., H. C. Bingham,	$6 80		
"	"	Grand Master, James Smith	10 08		
"	"	" Secretary and Treasurer, R. Wigmore	10 08		
"	"	" Representative, John Taylor, Jr.	23 68		
"	"	" " George Wales	6 56		
"	"	" " A. Purves	6 56		
"	"	" " Thos Bennett	15 28	79 04	
"	"	" " Geo. Powell	10 08		
"	"	" " James Heron	10 08		
"	"	Deputy Grand Master, Thomas Brown,	10 08		
"	"	Representative W. A. Glover	10 08		
"	"	" J. B. King,	6 80		
"	"	" George Marlatt	9 68		
"	"	" H. C. Forsyth	6 66	64 26	
"	"	" Edmund Beltz	10 08		
"	"	" William Harrison	10 08		
"	"	" C. B. Taylor	8 88		
"	"	" George Merritt	8 56		
"	"	" C. W. Kempster	4 00		
"	"	" John Barr	4 00		
"	"	" Henry McAfee	18 88		
"	"	" John Batty	18 88	88 36	
"	"	Post Office account	1 06		
Sept. & Oct.	"	" "	2 63		
November.	"	" "	0 67		
Dec. & Jan.	"	" "	3 99		
October 3	"	Dawson & Bro., printing Journal of Proceedings	35 00		
"	"	Express charges on Proceedings of G. L. U. S.	1 55	44 90	
September.	"	James Smith, Rep. Tax G.L.U.S. $75.00			
"	"	Balance due Wildey Mon. Fund $6.00			
"	"	Chatham Lodge, for " 4.00			
"	"	Erie Lodge, " " 5.00			
		Canada money 15.00	21.75		
		American money	96.75 less dis.		68 75
1866.					
May	"	Post Office account	1 76		
"	"	A. Lang, engrossing parchment, D. D. Grand Master Peel's Address	2 00		
"	"	Dawson & Bro., Declaration Book, Erie Lodge	3 75		
"	"	" Books, &c., Mt. Zion Lodge	10 50		
"	"	J. Taylor, for box, &c	7 75		
"	"	W. L. Carry, Stationery, &c	3 22		
"	"	Post Office account	2 76		
"	"	Secretary and Treasurer's account, incidentals	10 22		
"	"	Grand Master's account	20 15	62 11	
		Cash to balance,			780 11
					$1182 83

STOCK ON HAND, AUGUST 1st, 1866,

WITH AMOUNT OF VALUE TO THE GRAND LODGE.

Banner, Regalia and Emblems	$6 00	
Balance of Regalia, Ontario Lodge	5 00	
2 New Charge Books, at $3	6 00	
6 New Degree of Rebekah Books, at $2	12 00	
2 New Degree Books,	2 00	
1 Rebekah	1 25	
3 Public Installation Books, at $1.25,	3 75	36 00
8 Degree Books, at $2	16 00	
789 Favorable and Unfavorable Reports, at 2 cts,	15 78	
269 Rep. Certificates, at 2 cts,	5 38	
12 Past Grands Certificates, at 2 cts	0 24	
266 Treasurer's Bonds, at 5 cts	13 30	
5 Propositions for membership, at 2 cts	0 10	
8 Orders for Supplies	0 24	
334 Odes, at 6 cts	20 04	
109 Travelling Cards, at 25 cts	27 25	
69 Withdrawal Cards, at 25 cts	17 25	115 58
Letter Headings for Grand Master and Grand Secretary		
" " D. D. Grand Master, Commission		
Blank Semi-Annual Reports, say	7 00	
28 Blank Rules and Regulations, at 10 cts	2 80	
1 Charter Stone and drawing thereon	52 50	
48 Blank Charters for sale at $2	96 00	
63 " use of this Grand Lodge, at $2	126 00	286 30
Stationery on hand say	4 00	4 00
		$441 88

AMOUNT DUE BY SUBORDINATE LODGES TO THE R. W. GRAND LODGE, TO THE 1st DAY OF AUGUST, 1866.

Erie Lodge No. 33, bal. due,	$1 88	Samaritan Lodge No. 35, bal. due,	$0 27
Avon Lodge No. 41, "	0 30	Excelsior Lodge No. 44, "	35 36
Mount Zion Lodge No. 46 "	9 56	St. Marys Lodge No. 36, "	6 00

Total amount due $53 37

RECAPITULATION.

Amount of Cash on hand		$780 11	
Amount of Stock on hand		443 88	
Amount due by Subordinate Lodges		53 37	1277 36
Initiations	211		
Rejections	22		
Admitted by Card	11		
Reinstated	8		
Expelled	3		
Deaths	11		
Members in arrears not suspended	140		
Suspended	36		
Ceased to be members for non-payment of dues	31		
Contributing members	647		
Degrees conferred	642		
Number of Brothers relieved	82		
Number of Widowed Families relieved	8		
Withdrawn by Card	26		
Amount paid for relief of Brothers			669 00
" Widowed Families			385 00
" Educating the Orphan			
" Burying the Dead			185 00
Total amount of relief			1239 00
Amount of Annual Receipts			6013 84
Widow and Orphan Fund			8356 75½
General Fund			7613 38½

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Abstract of the Semi-Annual Reports of the Subordinate Lodges, under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada West, for the year ending 30th June, 1866.

LODGE.	No.	LOCATION	Initiated.	Rejected.	Admitted by Card.	Reinstated.	Expelled.	Deaths.	Members in arrears not suspended.	Suspended.	Ceased for N. P. D.	Contribut'g Members	Degrees Conferred.	Brothers Relieved.	Widows Relieved.	Withdrawn by Card.	Paid for Relief of Brothers.	Paid for Relief of Widowed Families.	Burying the Dead.	Total Relief.	Amount of Annual Receipts.	Widow and Orphan Fund.	General Fund.
Brock	9	Brockville	9	..	..	..	..	..	15	15	..	41	28	3	..	..	$18 00	$ 80 00	.....	$ 98 00	$261 25	$1299 18	$336 00
Union	16	St. Catharines	3	..	..	..	..	2	16	5	3	70	17	12	3	1	78 00	135 00	$30 00	243 00	495 45	2648 74½	954 86½
Chatham	29	Chatham	10	1	1	3	..	..	21	1	1	22	19	2	..	2	35 00	.....	.....	35 00	280 50	470 97	131 17
Eureka	30	London	27	2	2	..	2	1	5	9	3	92	80	1	..	2	60 50	90 00	20 00	170 50	924 52	750 00	1012 14
Erie	33	Port Burwell	23	3	1	5	..	2	3	5	9	61	55	9	3	..	69 50	40 00	.....	109 50	453 96	400 00	853 81
Gore	34	Brantford	5	...	1	..	...	...	4	..	2	30	12	3	..	..	7 50	.....	.....	7 50	250 25	893 49	261 45
Samaritan	35	Ingersoll	12	..	..	..	..	..	...	..	4	24	11	.	..	..	36 00	20 00	15 00	71 00	230 46	339 12	180 10
St. Mary's	36	St. Mary's	4	..	1	..	..	...	8	..	4	36	12	4	..	2	25 50	.....	.....	25 50	255 50	492 40	1000 00
Imperial	37	Burford	..	..	..	..	..	...	...	..	...	...	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Forest City	38	London	47	4	2	..	..	..	38	..	..	103	153	27	..	11	170 00	.....	.....	170 00	1223 71	781 54	1812 46
Avon	41	Stratford	5	2	2	..	..	1	14	..	..	19	24	5	..	...	38 00	.....	.....	38 00	179 88	150 00	300 00
Long Point	42	Simcoe	..	..	..	..	..	..	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Excelsior	44	Hamilton	35	5	..	..	1	1	12	..	..	54	100	3	2	3	10 00	20 00	30 00	60 00	567 11	76 01	175 85
Frontier	45	Windsor	22	2	..	..	..	4	5	1	5	81	89	13	...	5	121 00	.....	90 00	211 00	727 50	45 00	387 65
Mount Zion	46	Newbury	9	1	1	..	..	..	...	..	..	14	42	...	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	163 75	10 30	207 79
			211	22	11	8	3	11	140	36	31	647	642	82	8	26	669 00	385 00	185 00	1239 00	6013 84	8356 75½	7613 38½

16. During the past year your Secretary has received monthly a publication entitled "The Odd Fellow's Companion," devoted to the interest of Odd Fellowship and published by M. C. Lilley & Co., Columbus, Ohio. The said publication is now in possession of this Grand Lodge.

BRETHREN,—I should do violence to my own feelings were I to allow this opportunity to pass, without returning my sincere thanks to the Grand Master, Officers and Members of this Grand Lodge for the many acts of kindness shown to me as your Secretary for the last two years, and I hope that all errors and omissions will be overlooked.

And now, Brethren, let our deliberations be characterized by the spirit of kindness and charity, that we may realize how good it is for Brethren to meet together in unity.

And let us not forget those who have been removed from this earthly existence, but remember those lines that are laid down for our guidance,

Failing not when life has perished,
Living still beyond the tomb.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

R. WIGMORE,
Grand Sec. & Treas.

The Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of the United States submitted the following Report :

GRAND REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West, I. O. O. F.:

OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES.—It is with feelings of much pleasure that I, as your Representative to the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States, have the honor to submit an abstract of the proceedings of the last memorable Session of that Grand Body, which convened in the Odd Fellow's Hall, North Gay Street, in the City of Baltimore, on Monday the 18th September, 1865, and which continued in operation during the entire week.

Tongue could not tell, nor pen fully describe the unwonted joy and unbounded felicity manifested throughout the membership during the whole period of that memorable meeting of the Brethren on that Mecca of Odd Fellowship ; nor was it indeed confined to the members, for citizens generally seemed to vie with each other as to who would do the most for our noble cause.

To say that the meeting of 1865 was one of unusual interest, would be saying little indeed ; but when our good and present noble Captain, Isaac M. Vetch of the bark, Odd Fellowship, took the helm, according to ancient custom, and kindly ordered his venerable mate, James L. Ridgely, to pipe all hands, joy knew no bounds, for after a voyage of four years spent in war, tumult, and trouble, five only of the jolly crew were found wanting, viz : the Representatives from North Carolina, Florida, Canada East, Arkansas, and Oregon ; the last two were reported in good health, but from causes over which they had no control, failed to answer to their names.

The report of our Most Worthy Grand Sire is in itself a very able production, and one well calculated to promote harmony and love among the Brethren. Neither time nor space will permit me to here give it you word for word, but it is more than evident that he has spent a vast amount of valuable time in infusing new life and spirit

into the Order generally, more especially those jurisdictions which were lagging by the way. Need I say that already he has reaped a rich reward, and to his untiring zeal in writing, speaking and visiting, may be attributed the fact (to a great extent) that our order is now in its good and present prosperous condition. Among his many decisions during the past year, I have selected the following as requisite for submission in this report.

2nd. That a motion for reconsideration of a ballot for an applicant for membership, who has been rejected, may be made at such time as the local law of a Lodge may specify; and in the absence of any local law on the subject a motion for reconsideration may be made at any time, provided such motion is made by those depositing the black balls.

3rd. If the local law so provides, a Lodge may go through its regular business, close in due form, and then open in and confer any of the degrees.

4th. Where the law of a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment provides that a Grand Representative is an elective Grand Officer thereof, he is to be recognized as such and entitled to the honors of the Order when visiting a Subordinate officially.

5th. It is the duty of a Subordinate to obey the decisions of its Grand Lodge, which are final and conclusive, until reversed by the Grand Lodge of the United States upon proper application thereto. Pending such appeal, the Subordinate Lodge is not entitled to any privileges other than those accorded to it by its Grand Lodge, which may enforce its decision by demanding the Charter and effects of the Subordinate for non-complicance with the decision appealed from.

6th. A number of Subordinate Lodges cannot legally establish a Union Degree of Rebekah Lodge, and hold regular meetings thereof for conferring and working that degree.

7th. When a Grand Master and Grand Representative of the same jurisdiction, each at different times during the recess of the Grand Lodge instruct a Subordinate Lodge or a D. D. Grand Master, in the secret work of the Order and their instructions differ, the instructions of the Grand Master as the supreme authority in the jurisdiction, are to be followed.

8th. A candidate for membership in the Order, who has been elected in a Lodge where he resides, cannot be initiated in a Lodge located where he may temporary reside, upon the request of the Lodge electing him, but all initiations must take place in the Lodge in which the applicant is elected.

9th. Societies of the Degree of Rebekah, composed of ladies in possession of that degree, the Regalia Room and the work of that degree used, are irregular, unauthorized, and in contravention to the legislation of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

10th. The law of the Session of 1864, prohibiting anniversaries, &c., without the consent of the Grand Master or Grand Patriarch, predicated upon the promises that no intoxicating beverage would be used, is not intended to prevent Lodges and Encampments from joining in a public procession in regalia, in connection with other organizations when invited to do so by the civil authorities; and permission for that purpose may be obtained from the respective jurisdictions under such regulations as they may prescribe.

These decisions of the Grand Master were severally confirmed by

the Grand Lodge, except the 7th, which was modified by the R. W. Grand Lodge. (See page 3821, 3848, Journal G. L. U. S.)

The report of our venerable and highly esteemed Brother, Grand Secretary Ridgely, is complete with a vast amount of information, and fully shows that our beloved Order never was in the same healthy condition as it now is; and what goes far to substantiate this is the fact, that the revenue also for the fiscal year ending September 1, 1865, has far exceeded that of any previous year.

The Grand Treasurer's report shows the finances of the R. W. Grand Lodge to be in a most satisfactory condition, the total amount to the credit for the period above mentioned, sums up $31,224.02, while the disbursements during the same time was only $17,425.02, leaving a balance in the Treasury of $13,799.00.

The report from the Finance Committee, and which is substantially as follows, was adopted.

Resolved,—That the Digest hereafter be sold at $1.50 each, with a discount of 33⅓ per cent. when fifty or more copies are purchased at one time.

Resolved,—That the Grand Lodge of the United States hereby remits the tax of the Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments of Virginia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas; and of Grand Lodges of Florida, Arkansas and Vermont, for the years 1861, '62, '63, '64.

Resolved,—That the notes of the Grand Lodge of Vermont, for Representative tax for said five years, and notes of Grand Encampment of North Carolina, given for taxes and supplies previous to 1861, be and are hereby cancelled.

Resolved,—That the Grand Secretary be, and is hereby authorized to furnish upon reasonable credit to such institutions, whatever supplies he may deem necessary, during the current year.

The consideration of the last three clauses of this report drew out a discussion, in which many noble brothers out-poured the essence of their inmost souls, expressing sentiments hallowed by the purest principles of Friendship, Love and Truth. Yes, men and Brothers of the North and South there met and gave utterance (breathings of peace and harmony) to such expressions as never before fell from human lips. Joy knew no bounds: All seemed to realize that beautiful passage in our Ritual, "That the wolf and the lamb were about to lie down together." Yes, and in reality a little child could easily have lead all assembled there, they were so impressed with the magnanimous, kindly, and brotherly feelings so beautifully portrayed during the occasion. All was peace and harmony.

The Committee on the State of the Order, gave decisions of law as follows:—

1st. Question—What is meant by the words, "Satisfactory evidence of former connection with the Order." They, the Committee, expounded.

1st. "That the evidence to be satisfactory, must come from the Lodge of which the person was formerly a member."

2nd. "If such Lodge be extinct, then from the Grand Lodge, under whose jurisdiction the Subordinate existed."

3rd. In case the evidence can be procured from neither of these sources, then the party may be admitted into the order by initiation."

2nd Q. Upon a question as "to how a Brother expelled or suspended, whose Lodge has afterwards become extinct, may regain membership," the interpretation of the law was to the following effect.

"That a Brother who has been expelled for non-payment of dues or crime from a Lodge which subsequently became extinct, can only regain membership in the Order through the Grand Lodge, to which the

Lodge he belonged to was subordinate; and this rule applies also to the patriarchal branch of the Order."

3rd Q. Upon an inquiry as to whether members of Lodges and Encampments visiting other Lodges and Encampments in a body, and introduced by their own officers, are entitled to the "honors of the Order." The Committee submit—

"That officers and members of Subordinate Lodges and Encampments visiting other Lodges and Encampments in a body and introduced by their own officers, are not entitled to be received with the honors of the Order."

The following report by the Committee on Legislation was adopted.

Resolved,—That Subordinate Lodges and Encampments of this Order shall vote by ballot upon all applications for final cards, made in accordance with existing laws; and the affirmative vote of a majority of the members present, shall be necessary to the granting of such card.

Resolved,—That upon such ballot, should a majority of the members present refuse their consent to the granting of a final card to an applicant therefor; such applicant upon payment of all dues and tendering a written resignation of his membership, and not otherwise disqualified, shall be entitled to receive from the Secretary or Scribe, under seal, a certificate that he has resigned his membership, and such certificate shall be sufficient evidence that the Brother was in good standing at the time of his resignation, provided,—"That upon a refusal of a Lodge or Encampment to grant such withdrawal card, the member applying for the same shall have the right of appeal, to the Grand Lodge, or Grand Encampment of his jurisdiction.

Resolved,—That visiting and withdrawal cards, heretofore issued by any Southern Jurisdiction, countersigned by the Grand Secretary and attested by the seal of the Grand Body issuing the same, shall be taken and deemed to be as effectual as if the same had borne the counter signature, or *fac simile* thereof, of the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Resolved,—That from and after this date, expired withdrawal cards may be received or deposited for applications for charters for Subordinate Lodges and for charters for Subordinate Encampments, where the holders of such cards are contributing members of Subordinate Lodges.

Resolved,—That the place designated in the Charter is the seat of a State Grand Lodge, until properly changed. It is, however, the legal right of a State Grand Lodge to hold its sessions from time to time at such place within its own jurisdiction as may be determined upon at any preceding meeting.

The consideration of having an honorary membership attached to our Order was referred to this Committee, who reported adversely; which report, notwithstanding a strong opposition was adopted.

An amendment to the Constitution, as follows, was adopted:

Amend Art. 16, Sec. 4 of Constitution, by striking out all after the words "Provided, however," and adding the following:—"That when it shall be satisfactorily represented to the Grand Lodge of the United States that the necessities of a State, District or Territorial Grand Jurisdiction require it, a resolution may be passed by a vote of three-fourths of the Representatives present at any meeting, granting to the particular State, District or Territorial Jurisdiction applying therefor the right to re-admit to membership within its jurisdiction, upon such terms as it may prescribe, suspended members of the Order residing in the same, who may have been suspended for non-payment of dues and who have not been under suspension for less than three years, and also the right to admit members of defunct Lodges not able to get a card—it being distinctly understood that so soon as the necessity requiring it shall have passed away, this privilege shall be yielded up by the jurisdiction receiving it.

The By-laws were amended as follows, viz:

Strike out of Art. 22 of By-laws, in twenty-fifth line, Digest page B, the words "and aprons as above described," and add the words "trimmed with yellow lace or fringe;" so that so much of said By-laws as relates to the regalia of the Past Chief Patriarch, shall read as follows:—"Past Chief Patriarchs shall wear purple collars or sashes, trimmed with yellow lace or fringe."

The Degree of Rebekah seems to stand in jeopardy, as the special committee appointed on that head, reported unanimously that the same be abolished; but upon a resolution the report was laid over until the next session of Grand Lodge.

The revision of the secret work and ritual of our Order was, after a good deal of consideration, postponed until the next assembly of the Grand Lodge; officers and members having promised to report verbally to their several Grand Bodies, the main feature of the proposed alteration.

A resolution was adopted to this effect: "That the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be and is hereby requested to publish in the appendix to the revised Journal, the debate had in the Grand Lodge upon the report of the Committee on Finance, remitting the dues of the Southern Grand Bodies; and also to collect all the proceedings had on the occasion of the dedication of the Wildey Monument and connected thereunto, including the speeches made on the stand on the day of the dedication, at the banquet given by the Corporation of Baltimore, and by the merchants and business men of Baltimore, and that he has full power and discretion to omit any part of such proceedings, which, in his judgment, may be proper."

One of the most important items in the week's exercises was the dedication of the Wildey Monument, which took place on the 20th September last, amid great eclat; only fancy between fifteen and sixteen thousand members, all clothed in regalia appropriate to rank, and displaying many new and elegant banners, marching in one grand procession, accompanied by numerous military and other bands of music, the sweet and melodious strains of which enlivened and added much to the pageantry of the day. Time nor space will not permit me to give a full and particular description of the monument, and proceedings in connection therewith. That day will certainly form an epoch in the history of our beloved Order; suffice it to say, that the sun has never shone on a day more memorable in the annals of the monumental city than the one on which was unveiled the figure of Charity, standing on the pillar erected to the memory of Past Grand Sire Wildey, the pioneer of Odd Fellowship on the American continent.

I cannot let this opportunity pass without mentioning two important attractions which added much to the grandeur of the procession. One was a large vehicle drawn by six magnificent horses, bearing the beautiful tent of the Grand Encampment, in which was seated the Grand High Priest wearing his gorgeous robes, on either side of whom sat the Guards of the Tent, arrayed as became their position. The other was the "Jewels of our Order," otherwise the orphan children, some eight hundred or more, of the State of Maryland. The girls were in five magnificent chariots, built expressly for the occasion, each drawn by six splendid horses, led by colored grooms attired in Oriental costumes, which had a very attractive appearance. Each chariot was draped in colors representing the different Subordinate degrees, viz.: 1st, white; 2nd, pink; 3rd, blue; 4th, green; and 5th, red. The oc-

cupants were very neatly attired, and bore in their hands numerous decorated banners and shields, named after the different States and Territories. "Canada West" was well represented, as in each car I perceived some fair daughter of Eve upholding a banner with that endearing name thereon.

There was only one disappointment to mar the happiness of the day's proceedings, and that was the absence of his Excellency, President Johnson. It was fully anticipated that that august personage would have been present; although the Committee made every effort to secure his presence amongst us on that important occasion, owing to previous Cabinet engagements, he was obliged very reluctantly to decline the invitation.

Notwithstanding the above disappointment the day passed away most pleasantly. The programme, as laid down, being fully carried out to the satisfaction of all, and to the glory and honor of Odd Fellowship generally.

One of the most interesting, and at the same time beneficial laws (especially to those more immediately concerned), carried into effect during the session, was the consolidation of the Grand Lodges and Encampments of Northern and Southern New York, which had been separated for a period of more than fifteen years, causing to each jurisdiction a great deal of difficulty and annoyance during that time. The Legislative Committee, to whom the matter was submitted for consideration, submitted a report that the two Grand Bodies be united and consolidated; and they also reported a resolution to satisfy and confirm the enactment of those two Bodies to carry the union into effect, and directing that the Grand Sire issue a proclamation that such take force from and after Tuesday following the third Monday in August, 1866. With the exception of one of the representatives from the Southern Jurisdiction of New York voting in the negative, the above report was carried unanimously; as all the Officers and Representatives were too glad of the opportunity to have all differences existing in their Jurisdictions forever buried. Immediately on the Grand Sire declaring the resolution carried, a scene was enacted on the floor of the Grand Lodge which will not be easily forgotten by those who had the pleasure of witnessing the proceedings. The Representatives from each district of Northern and Southern New York, arose and grasping each other by the hand, shook hands and embraced each other for several minutes, amid the greatest applause from those assembled.

Several resolutions of thanks were submitted to the Grand Lodge, and each adopted unanimously, (for brevity sake, I enumerate the parties without going fully into the resolutions), viz.: To the corporate authorities of Baltimore for a splendid banquet given by them in Druid Hill Park; to the merchants and business men of Baltimore for a similar entertainment in the new Assembly Rooms; to Mr. John T. Ford, for an invitation to performances in his theatre; to Artemus Ward, entertainment at the Concordia House; to Messrs. Porter & Dudley, for the privilege of the Merchants' Exchange and News Room; to Henry Tyson, Esq., President of the City Railway Co., for tickets for the use of the members of the Grand Lodge; to the Trustees of the Peabody Institute; to the Superintendent of the House of Refuge; to the gentlemen of the State Tobacco Warehouse; to Messrs. G. W. Gail & Ax, and to all others whose desire to render the visit of the Grand Repre-

sentatives pleasant and profitable, was manifested by invitations to visit institutions and to inspect objects of general interest.

In addition to the above, Rep. Stuart, of the District of Columbia, moved the following resolutions, which were adopted unanimously:

Resolved,—That the thanks of the R. W. Grand Body be and the same are hereby tendered to the R. W. Grand Lodge, and the R. W. Grand Encampment of Maryland, for the excellent collation furnished the members of this Grand Lodge during the present session.

Resolved, further,—That this R. W. Grand Body desires to express and does express its full appreciation of the consideration of fraternal kindness of our Maryland brethren in their oft repeated and continual efforts to contribute to the pleasures and comforts of its members, while attending the annual session in the hospitable "City of Monuments."

Officers and Brethren, my predecessors have heretofore reported to you of the magnanimous, generous, and fraternal kindness extended to them by the brethren generally on their attending the different sessions of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States. I have only to add that nothing could exceed the open-hearted, courteous, friendly and brotherly manner in which I was received by the officers and members, and not only by them, but by all the brothers and friends with whom I had the pleasure of meeting. All seemed to vie with each other as to who would do the most to make Canada, as they called me, feel at home and happy.

In drawing to a close, I beg hereby to tender my most grateful and heartfelt thanks for the kindness evinced to me at all times by the officers and members of this Grand Lodge; and also for the trust at present reposed in me. Hoping that our present session may be one fraught with much good and that our deliberations may be the means of spreading the glorious and noble cause of Friendship, Love and Truth.

All of which is respectfully submitted

By yours, faithfully and fraternally, &c.,

JAMES SMITH,
Grand Representative.

On motion of Rep. Woodyatt, the report of the Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of the United States was referred to the Committee on Distribution.

By the instructions of the M. W. Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master conferred the Grand Lodge Degree on Rep. Alexander McBride, of Erie Lodge No. 33; Rep. James McIntyre, Samaritan Lodge No. 35; Rep. W. B. Woodyatt, Gore Lodge No. 34.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned until 2 o'clock.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Grand Lodge met, and opened in the Grand Lodge Degree.

M. W. Grand Master presiding, and on call of roll the following Officers and Representatives answered to their names:

James D. Tait, M. W. Grand Master; Henry McAfee, Deputy Grand Master; Richard Wigmore, Grand Secretary; James Smith, Grand Representative to Grand Lodge United States.

Reps. John Taylor, Jr., Samuel Dolson, A. Purves, Henry Northwood, James Heron, W. A. Glover, A. McBride, W. B. Woodyatt, James McIntyre, Wm. Bissell, Thos. Partridge, M. D. Dawson.

Rep. Wm. Bissell, from the Committee on Revision of Journal of last Session, submitted the following Report, which was adopted:*

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West, I. O. O. F.

Your Committee, appointed to revise and correct the minutes of last session, as printed, submit the following:

We find, on examination, many errors of minor import, but propose to call attention to only a few of the most important.

On page 213.—Report of Committee on State of the Order—answer "1" refers, we suppose, to question from Eureka Lodge on page 214. Answer (2) given, but the question does not appear. Answers (3) and (4) in same report evidently refer to questions on page 214 by Rep. Glover.

We also find a series of resolutions marked 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, commencing on page 213, which it seems to us can only refer to a report of the same Committee on page 219-220. But a difficulty arises here, because two sets of resolutions will then appear on adoption of the same report, and somewhat conflicting. For instance, resolution (D) in the one set as printed is adopted, and in the other it is lost. On reference to the manuscript, we find that resolution (D) of this Committee on Grand Master's Report was lost. The fifth resolution, referring to clause "E" of the same report is carried, according to the minutes as printed. The recollection of those members of this Committee who were present last session is positive that the fifth resolution of clause "E" was lost.

On reference to the Digest, page 69, clause 11, we find the decision of the Grand Master and the approval of that Committee as expressed in said clause and resolutions, are in direct conflict with the law, which more fully confirms the opinion of this Committee that the minutes are wrong in this respect.

On page 234 in a supplementary Report from the Grand Secretary on Monument Fund, he reports $6 balance due that Fund, whereas a careful examination of his main report will show a balance of $9.45 due from this Grand Lodge to the said Fund at that time.

In conclusion, we respectfully submit the following:

Resolved,—That the opinion of this Committee as set forth in the above report be approved as corrections to the Journal of last session.

WM. BISSELL,
H. C. BINGHAM,
T. PARTRIDGE,

On motion the Grand Lodge closed in the Grand Lodge Degree, and opened in the Scarlet Degree.

Rep. S. G. Dolson, from the Committee on Distribution, submitted the following Report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West I. O. O. F.:

We, your Committee to whom was referred the reports of the Grand Master, Grand Secretary and Treasurer, and Grand Representative of this Grand Lodge to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, for the distribution of their various subjects to appropriate Committee, submit the following, as distributed according to minutes in the different Reports.

No. 1, referring to the deaths of P. G. Master Yale and P. D. G. M. Sewell, we would refer to the Representatives of the various jurisdictions to which they were attached, to present some suitable eulogy that may be entered on the minutes of this Grand Lodge regarding their deaths.

Subjects referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

Nos. 3, 4 and 5. Regarding official visits of Grand Master in his report.
No. 6. Alluding to the closing of Long Point Lodge.
" 7. Institution of Mount Zion Lodge.
" 8. Lodges not visited.

*This Report refers to the report on page 213.

No. 9. Reference to Commission visiting Rond Eau Lodge.
" 10. Points of Law.
" 13. P. G. S. Nicholson's visit.
" 7. Referring to books and papers of Imperial Lodge, Secretary's Report.
" 8. Receipt of books and papers and other property from Rond Eau Lodge,
" 9. Revision of work of Grand Lodge U. S.
" 10. Receipts of new forms of O. B. N. from the Grand Secretary of G. L. U. S.
The whole of the Report of the Grand Representative to G. L. U. S.

Subjects referred to Committee on Correspondence.

No 11. Proceedings from Grand Lodge of Kansas, in G. M's. Report.
" 12. Bro Peel's testimonial mentioned in Grand Secretary' Report.
" 1. Printing proceedings of this Grand Lodge and receipt of proceedings of different Grand Lodges.
" 2. Report of Committee on Correspondence with Bros. Gleeson and Male of Lockport, N. Y., regarding cards of clearance.
" 3. Bro. J. R. Peels, testimonial already alluded to in the Grand Master's Address.
" 13. Communication from Grand Lodge of New Jersey.

Subjects referred to Committee on Finance in Grand Secretary's Report.

No.11. Overcharge—Erie Lodge.
" 12. Institution of Mount Zion Lodge and disposal of effects of Rond Eau Lodge to said Mount Zion Lodge.
" 14. Account of the Grand Lodge of the U. S.
15. Income and Expenditure.
General accounts and books of Grand Secretary and Treasurer of receipts and disbursements.

Subject referred to Committee on Laws of Subordinates in Grand Secretary's Report.

No. 4. By-laws of Mount Zion Lodge, No. 46.

Subject referred to Committee on Returns in Grand Secretary's Report.

No. 6. Lodge Returns.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

S. G. DOLSON,
JOHN BARR,
JOHN BATTY,
ROBT. KIRKPATRICK,
M. D. DAWSON.

Rep. John Barr submitted the following question, which was referred to Committee on Legislation:

A person who wishes to become connected with our Order as an Ancient Odd Fellow, but not in possession of a withdrawal card and unable to get one, the Lodge to which he belonged being extinct,—the question is asked, "How is he now to be admitted?"

Reps. J. W. Ferguson and John Barr submitted the following question, which was referred to the Committee on Legislation:

"Can a Lodge in any case initiate a person into the Order without the payment of the usual initiation fee and quarterly dues prescribed by the By-laws of said Subordinate Lodge?"

On motion of Rep. Thos. Partridge, the matter of Bro. Brown, of Mount Zion Lodge, was referred to Committee on Credentials to report.

D. G. M., McAfee, from the Committee on Credentials, submitted the following Supplementary Report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West I. O. O. F.

Your Committee on Credentials, to whom was referred the case of W. W. Brown, of Mount Zion Lodge at Newbury, who claims admission here as the Rep. of the above Lodge, have to report as follows:

We find his name upon the Returns of the Lodge as having been duly elected as Representative to this Grand Lodge.

But Bro. Brown has no certificate either for his service as Past Grand or as Representative here, and in addition to these disqualifications we learn directly and indirectly, that it was on account of some difficulty between him and the members of his Lodge that he now appears without the requisite certificates.

Your Committee regret that on these grounds we are compelled to withhold our approval of his admission as the Representative of Mount Zion Lodge.

In arriving at this conclusion, we wish it distinctly understood that it is from no desire to dishonor Bro. Brown, but because we deem it unwise to establish a precedent so dangerous and troublesome as this might become.

In conclusion, we move the adoption of this Report.

Respectfully submitted.

HENRY McAFEE,
H. C. BINGHAM,
R. WIGMORE.

Rep. Partridge moved in amendment that Bro. Brown be admitted as representative of Mount Zion Lodge, which was adopted.

By the instructions of the M. W. Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master conferred the Grand Lodge Degree on Rep. Brown.

Rep. McAfee, from the Committee on Credentials, submitted the following Supplementary Report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Credentials have examined the credentials of W. N. Ford, and find them in due form entitling him to a seat in this Grand Lodge as the Representative of St. Marys No. 36, and recommend his admission and instruction in the Grand Lodge Degree.

HENRY McAFEE,
H. C. BINGHAM,
RICHARD WIGMORE.

Rep. W. Bissell, from the Committee on Laws of Subordinates, submitted the following Report, which was adopted:

BRANTFORD, August 1st, 1866.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West, I. O. O. F.:

We, your Committee on Laws of Subordinates, to whom was referred the Constitution and By-laws of Mount Zion Lodge No. 46, having examined the same, do report as follows:

That we find the Constitution and By-Laws of said Lodge to be in accordance with the Constitution of this Grand Lodge.

We therefore beg leave to submit the following resolution:

Resolved,—That the Constitution and By-Laws of Mount Zion Lodge, No. 46, be approved and adopted.

WM. BISSELL, Chairman.
W. A. GLOVER.
JAMES HERON.
JOHN TAYLOR, JR.

Rep. Glover, from Committee on Returns, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Returns having examined the returns from the various Lodges, beg leave to report as follows:

1st. The returns of Union Lodge No. 16, Samaritan No. 35, Excelsior No. 44, St. Marys No. 36, Brock No. 9, Eureka No. 30, Erie No. 33, Chatham No. 29, Gore No. 34 and Frontier No. 45, we find correct.

2nd. The report from Forest City Lodge No. 38, for the term ending 30th June last, we find correct; but the report for the term ending 31st December, 1865, we find incorrect in data as to members in good standing, &c.

The returns of Avon Lodge No 41, for December 31st, is without a seal, and the return for June 30th does not give the names of members suspended.

The report of Mount Zion Lodge No. 46, we find incorrect, as to the number of Degrees conferred.

Your Committee would congratulate the Lodges on the marked improvement manifested in the filling out of their semi-annual returns.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. A. GLOVER,
J. W. FERGUSON,
JAMES HERON,
M. D. DAWSON.

H. C. Bingham, P. G. M., on behalf of Gore Lodge, invited the members of the Grand Lodge to a supper to be held at the Brant Hotel this evening.

On motion of Rep. Thos. Partridge, the Grand Lodge accepted the invitation.

On motion the Grand Lodge adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow (Thursday) morning.

THURSDAY MORNING, Aug. 2nd, 1866.

Pursuant to adjournment. the Grand Lodge assembled at 9 o'clock and opened in the Grand Lodge Degree.

The Roll being called, the following Officers and Representatives answered to their names:

Grand Master, J. D. Tait; Deputy Grand Master, Henry McAfee; Grand Secretary and Treasurer, R. Wigmore; Grand Representative to G. L. U. S., James Smith; Grand Guardian, J. B. King; Grand Marshal, John Taylor, Jr.

Reps. John Taylor, Jr., A. Purvis, Henry Northwood, Jas. Heron, Robt. Kirkpatrick, W. A. Glover, Alex. McBride, W. B. Woodyatt, Jas. McIntyre, William Bissell, Thos. Partridge, M. D. Dawson, W. N. Ford, W. Mowatt, J. W. Ferguson, John Batty, J. H. Stewart, W. W. Brown.

On motion of Rep. Ferguson, it was resolved that the claim of Mrs. Williams against Eureka Lodge No. 30, London, for benefits, be referred to a special committee to report thereon at this session of this Grand Lodge.

The M. W. Grand Master then appointed the following Reps. as such Committee, viz:—J. W. Ferguson, Thomas Partridge and W. N. Ford.

On motion of H. C. Bingham, P. G. M., it was

Resolved,—That the incoming Grand Officers be instructed to issue suitable Cards to Bros. Smith G. Mathews, and James Ramsay, members in good standing of Imperial Lodge No. 37, at the time the Lodge ceased to work.

Also,—

Resolved,—That Bros. John Findlay, John Collins, Wm. Douglass, John Douglass, Calvin Forsyth, and Lewis Evans of the same Lodge, do also receive similar Cards from the same source as soon as they make themselves good on their books up to the same time as Bros. Mathews and Ramsay, the said Lodge having surrendered their effects in due form.

Rep. J. W. Ferguson, from the Special Committee on the petition of Mrs. Williams, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West, I. O. O. F.:

The Committee having carefully heard the evidence and examined the papers connected with the said case, find that the late Bro. Williams died of Typhoid Fever on Saturday, 9th December, 1865. That he had paid $6 on 6th February, 1865, which according to the By-laws of the said Lodge, paid up the dues of the late Brother to December 31st, 1864. That in July, 1865, the Secretary of the said Lodge had duly notified the late Brother that he was bad on the books, and not entitled to benefits, of which no notice was taken by the late Brother. That a further sum of $5 was remitted by a member of St. Marys Lodge to Eureka Lodge a week before the Brother died, and received by the Secretary of Eureka Lodge on the Tuesday following the decease of Bro. Williams. That on the Saturday previous a telegraph despatch was received by the officers of Eureka Lodge, notifying them of the death of Bro. Williams. That the said Five Dollars were immediately returned to Mrs. Williams, accompanied with the instruction that she was not entitled to widow's benefits.

In view of these facts, and in accordance with the By-laws of Eureka Lodge, your Committee are of opinion that Mrs. Williams has no legal claim to benefits as widow of the late Bro. Williams, and would not even had the said Five Dollars been received by said Lodge on the day it is claimed to have been remitted, as six weeks would have had to elapse ere the late Brother would have been good upon the books of the said Eureka Lodge.

Respectfully submitted.

J. W. FERGUSON,
THOS. PARTRIDGE,
WM. MOWATT.

On motion the Grand Lodge adjourned until 1 o'clock.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Grand Lodge met, and opened in the Grand Lodge Degree.

Present—M. W. Grand Master, James D. Tait, presiding; R. W. D. Grand Master, Henry McAfee; R. W. Grand Secretary and Treasurer, R. Wigmore; R. W. Grand Rep. G. L. U. S., James Smith; P. G., J. B. King, Grand Guardian; P. G., John Taylor, Jr., Grand Marshal; P. G., George Powell, Grand Conductor.

The following Reps. answered to their names:—John Taylor, Jr., S. G. Dolson, A. Purvis, Henry Northwood, James Heron, Robt. Kirkpatrick, W. A. Glover, Alex. McBride, W. B. Woodyatt, Jas. McIntyre, William Bissell, Thomas Partridge, M. D. Dawson, W. N. Ford, W. Mowatt, John Barr, J. W. Ferguson, John Batty, J. H. Stewart, W. W. Brown.

Rep. J. Taylor, Jr., from the Finance Committee, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

BRANTFORD, Aug. 2nd, 1866.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West, I. O. O. F.:

We the Committee on Finance beg leave to submit the following report:

We have carefully examined the books and accounts of the Grand Secretary and Treasurer, and compared them with the vouchers accompanying the same and find them correct. We also find that the books, property and funds of the Lodges that have surrendered their Charters during the last year, have been properly accounted for.

Your Committee feel great pleasure in reporting that the Finances of this Grand body are in as healthy and prosperous condition, as shown by the increased balance of cash on hand.

Your Committee would also report that they find that the books and accounts of your Secretary and Treasurer have been kept in a very satisfactory manner, and that much credit is due that officer for the manner in which he has discharged the duties of those offices.

Your Committee would recommend the payment of the account of the R. W. Grand Lodge of U. S.

Your Committee would therefore respectfully submit the following resolution:

Resolved,—That the foregoing report be adopted, and that a vote of thanks is due and is hereby tendered to the Grand Secretary and Treasurer, Bro. R. Wigmore, for the efficient manner in which he has discharged the laborious duties of his office.

JOHN TAYLOR, JR.,
W. A. GLOVER,
WM. N. FORD,
HENRY NORTHWOOD.
ROBT. KIRKPATRICK.

Rep. John Taylor, from the Committee on Correspondence, submitted the following report, which was adopted.

BRANTFORD, August 2nd, 1866.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West I. O. O. F.

We, your Committee, to whom was referred the correspondence of the M. W. Grand Master and R. W. Grand Secretary, beg most respectfully to report as follows:—

First—We have examined all correspondence of the above named Officers, and find that it has been most extensive for the past year.

Second—We find that all subjects referred to them for advice or decision have been most promptly attended to, and disposed of in a manner quite satisfactory and reflecting much credit on the aforesaid Worthy Grand Officers.

Third—We find that many questions of importance have been brought before the notice of this Grand Lodge in their respective reports, as will be seen from the following, and referred to this committee by Committee on distribution of subjects, viz: clause in Grand Master's Report with reference to proceedings of Grand Lodge of Kansas. Your Committee would recommend that our R. W. Grand Secretary be authorized to communicate with said Grand Lodge of Kansas and inform them that their money would be received at par in payment for Charters.

Clause 12, in same report. Your Committee are much pleased to find that the Address and Testimonial to Bro. Peel have at last been presented and accepted by the worthy recipient, after having made a most suitable and affectionate reply; and we have also to congratulate the special committee on presentation, for the manner in which they accomplished their task, and would recommend that that committee be discharged with the thanks of this Grand Lodge.

Clause 1, in the R. W. Grand Secretary's Report.

We entirely concur with the action of the R. W. Grand Secretary in having proceedings of last Session printed after having been compiled by the said worthy Officer, and in accordance with a resolution of this Grand Body, and your Committee would recommend the adoption of said proceedings, if such are found correct.

Clause 2,—With regard to the correspondence between your Grand Secretary and Jared M. Gleeson and Chas. M. Male, of Lockport, New York, your Com-

mittee find that the action of the R. W. Grand Secretary was in direct accordance with the resolution passed by this Grand Lodge at its last Session.

Clause 3,—In reference to the Peel testimonial, we would refer to the report of our Committee, in clause 12 of the M. W. Grand Master's address.

We would recommend your Grand Secretary to inform the Grand Lodges of New Jersey and Massachusetts, that not having all back numbers of proceedings of this Grand Lodge we would be most happy to forward to each, such proceedings as we have in our possession, in compliance with their request.

Clause 16,—We would advise your R. W. Grand Secretary to acknowledge, with thanks of this Grand Body, the receipt of a copy of the "Odd Fellow's Companion," published by M. C. Lilley & Co., of Columbus, Ohio.

In conclusion, your Committee would beg leave to offer the following resolution.

Resolved,—That the foregoing report of the Committee on correspondence be adopted.

JNO. TAYLOR, JR.
HENRY NORTHWOOD.
JAMES McINTYRE.
ADAM PURVIS.

Grand Master J. D. Tait, from the special Committee appointed last Session, submitted the following report which, on motion of Rep. J. W. Ferguson, was laid over until next Session for more mature consideration.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West I. O. O. F.:

The undersigned Committee, appointed at the last Session of this Grand Lodge, held at the City of Hamilton, for the purpose of preparing and submitting to this Grand Lodge such legislation as in their judgment was necessary, to prevent the illegal distribution of the funds, regalia, furniture, or other property of Subordinate Lodges which had ceased to work, by the members of such Lodges submit.

Your Committee report that the amendments introduced by the Grand Lodge of the United States at their last Session, into the obligation to candidates for membership, and to the Officers and Subordinates at installation, covers the whole ground contemplated in the appointing of your Committee.

Your Committee would ask leave to introduce the following resolution, viz :—

That on any Subordinate Lodge in this Jurisdiction ceasing to work, any of its Officers or members illegally taking part in the distribution of any monies or property of whatsoever kind, belonging to said Lodge, or, not using all due diligence in preserving said property or monies and having the same sent to the Officers of this Grand Lodge, shall upon being found guilty of so doing, be expelled from the Order and published as such in every working Lodge in the Jurisdiction.

Resolved,—That when evera Lodge in this Jurisdiction surrenders its Charter and other effects, that if there are any monies surrendered at the same time, that such money shall be kept as a separate trust for any number of the Brothers of the said Lodge (five or more) who were in good standing at the time of the surrender of said Charter and effects, and may be paid over to the Lodge in this Jurisdiction ; or such part or parts of said money (on resolution submitted to this Grand Lodge and carried,) to assist said Brothers in defraying the expense of again gaining active membership.

All of which is respectfully submitted in Friendship, Love and Truth.

JAMES D. TAIT,
HENRY McAFEE, D. G. M.,
RICHARD WIGMORE, G. Sec.

Brantford, August 2. 1866.

The M. W. Grand Master instructed the D. Grand Master to confer the Grand Lodge Degree on Bro. J. Chapman, of Eureka Lodge.

P. G. M., H. C. Bingham submitted the following preamble and resolutions, which were adopted.

Whereas, Imperial Lodge No. 37 has ceased to work, and the Officers and members thereof have honorably surrendered to this Grand Lodge their entire effects, including books, regalia and funds; *and whereas*, at least eight of the members of the said Lodge have applied to this Grand Lodge for clearance cards, with a view to unite elsewhere, and thus keep their connection with the Order; it is hereby

Resolved,—That so many of the Brothers of the late Imperial Lodge No. 37 as have applied to this Grand Lodge for clearance cards, and whose application has been constitutionally granted, shall have placed to their credit individually as an admission fee in any Subordinate Lodge in this Province to which they or any of them may apply, such a proportion of the funds of the said Imperial Lodge as may be required to pay their respective admission fees as members joining by card; *provided always*, that such application or applications to join by card shall be made and accepted within six months from this date, and *provided also*, that so much as may be necessary to pay such admission fee or fees, shall have been received from the source above named by this Grand Lodge, subsequent to July 1st, 1866; and *provided further*, that in case the amount so received is insufficient to pay such fee or fees in full, then the amount actually received shall be divided in fair proportions to their respective credits as above mentioned, upon the conditions and within the time aforesaid.

On motion of Rep. J. W. Ferguson, the following was agreed to:

Resolved,—That the opinion of this Grand Lodge is adverse to the precedent of the work of Grand Lodge being transacted in the Scarlet Degree, believing that the business of the Grand Lodge should only be transacted in Grand Lodge Degree.

On motion of Rep. Batty, this Grand Lodge instructed the Representative to the Grand Lodge of United States, to support any motion to carry out the Degree of Rebekah to the fullest extent.

Rep. W. Mowatt, of Avon Lodge, rose in his place and read the following Eulogy on the death of P. D. Grand Master Sewell, of Avon Lodge.

Most Worthy Grand Master,—I learn from the very able address which you presented to this Grand Lodge, that it is the duty of the Representatives of the districts of deceased members of this Grand Lodge to make a suitable eulogy on the character of deceased members. I regret, therefore, that it devolves upon me, as the Representative of Avon Lodge, No. 41, I. O. O. F., to have to refer to the decease of our late Brother, Henry Sewell, who was a distinguished member of this Grand Lodge for many years past, and also an active and useful member of Avon Lodge. My regret is two-fold in its character—first, that this Grand Lodge has lost one of its brightest ornaments—and second, that it has not been the lot of one more competent than I am, to do that justice to the memory of our deceased Brother which duty demands. Imbued with one of the kindest hearts, with an ardent and sincere temperament, with a disposition leading almost to an extreme in the dispensing of his Charity, and in the manifesting of the reciprocal duties of friendship, Brother Sewell has left few equals, and I venture to say, no one more heartily devoted to the true, legitimate interests of our Order. Having enjoyed a close intimacy with him for some 8 or 9 years I speak that which I know, and testify to that which I have seen, when I state that a more warm hearted friend of the cause has not been left in our ranks, for under whatever reverses, his zealous exertions to promote the welfare of our Order never once flagged. But it is not so much in this Grand Lodge as in the Subordinate Lodge to which he was attached, that his ever cheerful countenance will be most missed, for seldom indeed was there ever a meeting but he was there, however pressing his other engagements. But besides being an ardent friend of our Order he occupied several prominent and responsible positions in his lifetime. He took an important interest in fostering the Volunteer movement of our young country, and held the position of Ensign in the Stratford Infantry Company, and I need not say that had he been spared in life he would gladly and cheerfully responded to his country's call, to assist in rolling back the tide of invasion which threatened—and still threatens—"this Canada of ours." The deceased was for nearly twenty years a member of the Order, the "Manchester Unity," but some

six years ago he became connected with the Baltimore Unity, and was one of the Charter members of Avon Lodge. In his family relations our deceased Brother enjoyed an enviable position, being blessed with a most amiable partner and an affectionate and well-doing family, with whom the members of this Grand Lodge in common deplore their sad bereavement. A kind husband and a loving father he strove to walk in the paths of duty, and he has descended to the tomb with his character unstained by sin, unspotted by vice.

The late Bro. Sewell, who honorably filled the office of Deputy District Grand Master of this Grand Lodge, died on the 11th day of January, 1866.

Yours, &c.,

WM. MOWATT,
Rep. Avon Lodge No. 41.

Brantford, August 2nd, 1866.

The following on motion of Rep. Thos. Partridge was agreed to:

Resolved,—That this Grand Lodge go into secret Session.

When the R. W. Grand Representative James Smith rehearsed the secret work, and gave a synopsis of the proposed change in the Ritual.

On motion of Deputy Grand Master H. McAfee, the Grand Lodge closed in the Grand Lodge Degree and opened in the Scarlet Degree.

Rep. S G. Dolson from the Committee on the State of the Order, submitted the following report, which was adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee have much pleasure in presenting this report as the result of their labors upon the different subjects referred to them by the Distribution Committee:

It is highly gratifying to find the manner in which the good and welfare of this Grand Lodge has been attended to during the past year. The very able reports presented show conclusively that our officers have not neglected any of the duties devolving upon them.

GRAND MASTER'S VISITS.

We are pleased to see the manner in which the visits of the M. W. Grand Master have been received by those Lodges he has been enabled to visit, and the good order and harmony which seems to prevail, and we are of opinion that the annual visits of Grand Officers upon Lodges in their jurisdiction are highly desirable, and conducive to the interest of the Order.

DEFUNCT LODGES.

We deeply regret that some of our Lodges have seen proper to close up their affairs during the past year, but it is a source of great satisfaction to see the honorable and upright manner in which this has been done, and reflects credit upon those who have been instrumental in its accomplishment; and we recommend that the action taken by the Grand Officers in closing up the said Lodges, viz: Long Point, Imperial and Rond Eau Lodges be approved. Also their action in instituting Mount Zion Lodge at Newbury is correct, and we recommend that a Charter be granted,

CARDS OF GOOD STANDING.

It is to be hoped that should any of the members of these defunct Lodges require any evidence of good standing from this Grand Lodge, that the Grand Secretary will give them every facility in his power to enable them to do so, and grant certificates to all those whom he finds to be in good standing, by their paying the regular fee for the same; and any members of defunct Lodges not good upon the books at the time of the expiration of said Lodge, may be granted certificates of good standing by paying up all dues against them on the books at the time of closing, which will enable them to deposit said card in any other Lodge, the nearest to their place of residence, should they desire to do so, and continue in membership with the other; provided always that there are no other charges pending against them.

GRAND MASTER'S DECISIONS.

As to the decisions made by the M. W. Grand Master, alluded to in item No. 10 of his report, we find to be correct, and recommend their confirmation.

CHARTERS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.

The Grand Master alluded to a copy of proceedings received from the Grand Lodge of Kansas, wherein the subject of Charters for Subordinate Lodges is mentioned. We would recommend that the Grand Secretary inform them that the Grand Lodge will supply them with what copies they may require at $2 each, American funds, for we are satisfied that when once introduced, other Grand Bodies will be anxious to purchase more, for they will find as regards the item of expenses, they never can have a better opportunity.

TESTIMONIAL.

We are pleased to find that the Committee appointed to procure a testimonial to P. D. Grand Master, J. R. Peel have completed their duties, and we recommend that the address and reply to the same be entered upon our minutes as a further evidence of our appreciation of the work done by our respected brother.

PAST GRAND SIRE, JAMES B. NICHOLSON'S VISIT.

The visit of Past Grand Sire, James B. Nicholson, alluded to by our M. W. Grand Master, we believe has fully come up to the expectations of the brethren, and those Lodges who had the pleasure of hearing him will look back to that time with feelings of respect and admiration for that distinguished member of our Order and noble champion of Odd Fellowship; and it is to be hoped that those jurisdictions who have not had the pleasure of listening to his able and eloquent speeches on Odd Fellowship will embrace the first opportunity in their power of doing so, and we are satisfied they will never have occasion to regret it.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT.

The very able report of that Grand Officer upon the proceedings of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States speaks for itself, and is well worthy of a careful perusal by any who take an interest in the Order; he will there see described one of the greatest epochs in the annals of Odd Fellowship. The reunion of Representatives from the Southern Jurisdictions, after an absence of four years, engaged as they were in fierce civil war, is a scene which it is to be hoped may never be witnessed again, notwithstanding the great pleasure which was experienced in that happy re-union. The inauguration of the Wildey monument is also full of interest, and cannot but send a thrill of joy to each and every one of us, to think that the founder of the cause which we espouse has been so honorably and triumphantly consigned to his last resting place; and may it remind us all that as each succeeding year is revolving around, the sands of life are fast wasting away, and the places which now know us will soon know us no more for ever.

QUESTIONS SUBMITTED.

The question proposed by Reps. Ferguson and Barr, of Excelsior Lodge, viz: "Can a Lodge initiate a person into the Order without the payment of the usual initiation fee and quarterly dues prescribed by the By-laws of said Lodge?" Answer: No.

Also question proposed by Rep. Barr, of Excelsior Lodge, viz: "A person who wishes to become connected with our Order as an Ancient Odd Fellow, but not in possession of a withdrawal Card, and unable to get one, the Lodge to which he belonged being extinct, how is he to be admitted?" In answer, we refer all interested to the decision of the Committee on the State of the Order in the Grand Lodge of the United States, as laid down in Grand Representative's Report for 1866, and also to clause 3, page 208, of our Grand Lodge proceedings for 1865 alluding to the same subject, and in our opinion fully answering the question.

THE FUTURE OF OUR ORDER.

Your Committee having covered all the subjects referred to them, would say, in conclusion, that as regards Odd Fellowship in this jurisdiction, we have good cause to congratulate ourselves upon our present position, and good prospects which are before us for its advancement. The future of our Order looks bright and hopeful; from every quarter we hear that Odd Fellowship is reviving and progressing, far exceeding the expectations of the most sanguine, and in proof of what we here assert, we recommend to you a perusal of the *American Odd Fellow*, published by Bro. Orr, of New York, every number of which contains glowing accounts of the renewed spirit in the Order from all jurisdictions, and should be read by every good Odd Fellow. May the holy principles which constitute the rock upon which our fabric is based, take such deep root in the hearts of our present brotherhood, that will encourage us to advance its interests in such a manner

that we will all be benefitted by its teachings, and in future, additions be made from a class of men who will add new lustre to the laurels it has already attained.

Respectfully submitted in F. L. & T.

SAMUEL G. DOLSON, W. B. WOODYATT,
JOHN BARR, WM. BISSELL,
T. PARTRIDGE, W. MOWATT.

Geo. Lauterbach, D. D.G.M. of Gore Lodge No. 34, formally delivered to the Grand Lodge the books, papers, etc., of the late Long Point Lodge.

S. G. Dolson, P. G. M., arose and read the following Eulogy on the death of Chauncey Yale, P. G. M., of Union Lodge No. 16, St. Catharines.

To the M. W. Grand Master, Officers and Representatives :

Death, relentless and inexorable, has made mournful breaches in our fraternal circle, during the past year, and forcibly reminds us that no manly virtues, no endearing and social qualities, no uprightness of character, can shield us from his unerring shafts.

Brethren,—Let us pause a moment in our deliberations, and do honor to one who, when living, was ever ready to give a helping hand to the cause of Odd Fellowship.

Past Grand Master Chauncey Yale, so long and favorably known to many of you, is gone, he has been gathered to his fathers, his seat is now vacant, his voice is lost, his earnest pleadings are no longer heard, his silent vote is no longer to be seen upon our weekly records, his regalia is laid aside, like a cast off garment, and nothing remains but the treasured recollections of associations and intercourse, many of us have engaged in with him, into his grave let us deposit this covenant emblem, sweet memory. May his rest be that of the just and his awakening be among those who shall be received by the Father of us all, into the Grand Lodge above, where meetings never end, and where the sublime principles of our Order are fully recognized and approved.

Our departed brother was a good and tried Odd Fellow, the great interest he always took in the Order procured for him the confidence of his brethren and elevated him to the highest position in our gift to bestow. He not only held the position of Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, but represented us in the Grand Lodge of the United States during the same time. He had the honor of being the second Grand Master in our jurisdiction, and was installed into his office by our departed and much esteemed brother, P. G. Master, Thomas Reynolds of Brockville, eight years ago, in this beautiful town, and in the presence of many familiar faces, I see assembled here again to-day. How little we know whose turn may come next. Brethren, let us live, that when death closes up this earthly scene, we may be prepared to meet those worthy brothers who have gone before.

While we deeply deplore the loss of worthy, useful and zealous members of our order let us avail ourselves of this consolation, that our loss though great, may prove to be his eternal gain, and cheerfully bow to the will of an Almighty and inscrutable Providence.

Brethren, although a link has been detached, we trust the chain is not broken. Let the camp fires still burn, and fraternal greetings and good fellowship be our watch word, and may we go on extending the hospitalities of our order to the wandering and destitute travellers of life.

On motion of Rep. W. N. Ford, it was

Resolved,—That the incoming Grand Master and Grand Secretary sell to Chatham Lodge, No. 29, the regalia of the late Rond Eau Lodge, provided they can agree as to price, etc., etc.

Rep. J. W. Ferguson moved the following :

Resolved,—That the matter of securing an Act of Incorporation be referred again to the Grand Officers, to act upon or not at their discretion.

Rep. Ford moved in amendment that the last clause of the resolution be struck out, and the following inserted "with instructions to make the necessary application and publish the necessary notices before the next meeting of Parliament," which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the resolution of Rep. Ferguson of Excelsior Lodge, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The yeas and nays appeared as follows:

NAYS.—Reps. Northwood, Wm. Bissell, Dawson, Ford, Mowatt, W. B. Woodyatt.—6.

YEAS.—Reps. John Taylor, S. G. Dolson, Adam Purvis, James Heron, Robert Kirkpatrick, W. A. Glover, A. McBride, James McLean, Partridge, Barr, Fergusson, John Batty, Stewart, Brown.—14.

H. McAfee, D. G. M., from the Committee on Credentials, submitted the following supplementary report, which was adopted:—

Resolved,—That brother C. D. Tufford, of Gore Lodge, No. 34, having the proper certificate, your Committee recommend that the Grand Lodge Degree be conferred on him.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned until half-past seven o'clock.

The Grand Lodge met at 7.30 pursuant to adjournment and opened in the Scarlet Degree. Present:

M. W. Grand Master Jas. D. Tait, D. G. Master H. McAfee, Grand Warden E. Beltz, R. W. Grand Secretary and Treasurer R. Wigmore, R. W. Grand Representative James Smith, Grand Guardian J. B. King, Grand Marshall John Taylor, Jr., Grand Conductor George Powell, and all the Representatives.

Nominations for Officers being in order, the following were made:

Grand Rep. Smith	nominated	P. G., R. Wigmore, for Grand Master.		
Rep. Purves,	"	H. McAfee, for Deputy Grand Master.		
" Bissell,	"	T. Partridge,	"	
" Mowatt,	"	John Barr,	"	
" Partridge,	"	J. B. King, for Grand Sec. and Treas.		
" Smith,	"	J. Taylor, Jr.	"	Declined.
" Ford,	"	Wm. Mowatt,	"	
" Dolson,	"	John Barr,	"	
" Barr,	"	W. A. Glover,	"	
" Dolson,	"	E. Beltz,	"	Declined.
" Smith,	"	A. McPhail,	"	Declined.
" Smith,	"	A. Purvis, for Grand Warden.		
" Barr,	"	J. W. Ferguson,	"	Declined.
" Batty,	"	John Barr,	"	
" Dawson,	"	J. Taylor, Jr.,	"	
" Mowatt,	"	W. N. Ford,	"	
" Barr,	"	John Batty,	"	

Rep. A. Purvis, from the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, submitted the following Report:

BRANTFORD, August 2nd, 1866.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West, I. O. O F.:

Your Committee on Mileage and Per Diem beg leave to submit the following table, report, and resolution:

NAME OF LODGE.	No.	No. of Miles Travelled	No. of Reps.	Rate per mile.	Amount of Mileage.	No. of Days.	Rate per Diem.	Amount of per Diem.	Total of Mileage and per Diem.
Brock	9	572	1	4cts	$22 88	2	$2 00	$4 00	$26 88
Union	16	288	2	.....	11 52	4	....	8 00	19 52
Chatham	29	246	1	.....	9 84	2	....	4 00	13 84
Eureka	30	236	2	.....	9 44	4	.....	8 00	17 44
Erie	33	296	2	.....	11 84	4	....	8 00	19 84
Gore	34	.....	1	.....	.....	2	.....	4 00	4 00
Samaritan	35	76	1	...	3 04	2	...	4 00	7 04
St. Marys	36	102	1	.....	4 08	2	....	4 00	8 08
Forest City	38	354	3	.....	14 16	6	.....	12 00	26 16
Avon	41	80	1	.....	3 26	2	....	4 00	7 20
Excelsior	44	160	2	.....	6 40	4	....	8 00	14 40
Frontier	45	672	2	.....	26 88	4	.....	8 00	34 88
Mount Zion	46	190	1	....	7 60	2	....	4 00	11 60
GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT.									
Grand Master	16	144	1	.....	5 76	2	.....	4 00	9 76
Deputy Grand Master	45	336	1	.....	13 44	2	.....	4 00	17 44
Grand Warden	38	118	1	....	4 72	2	....	4 00	8 72
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The foregoing composition is made at 4 cents per mile, and $2.00 per diem for two days.

In conclusion, your Committee submit the following:

Resolved,—That the foregoing Report be adopted, and that the Grand Master do issue orders on the Grand Treasurer in accordance therewith, in favor of the Officers and Representatives.

A. PURVIS, J. W. FERGUSON,
T. PARTRIDGE, ALEX. McBRIDE,
JOHN BARR, W. W. BROWN.

The M. W. Grand Master then appointed Reps. Kirkpatrick and Ferguson as scrutineers.

There being no opposition, the M. W. Grand Master declared R. W. Grand Secretary and Treasurer, R. Wigmore, elected Grand Master by acclamation.

The vote for Deputy Grand Master resulted in the election of Bro. H. McAfee. The M. W. Grand Master so declared.

The M. W. Grand Master declared Grand Guardian, J. B. King, Grand Secretary and Treasurer elect for the ensuing year—first ballot.

The M. W. Grand Master declared Rep. J. Taylor, Jr., of Brock Lodge No. 9, Warden elect—third ballot.

H. C. Bingham, D. D. Grand Sire, then proceeded to instal the Officers elect into their respective chairs, viz:

R. Wigmore	M. W. Grand Master.
H. McAfee	R. W. Dep. Grand Master.
J. B. King	R. W. Grand Sec. & Treas.
John Taylor, Jr.	Grand Warden.
A. Purvis	" Guardian.
W. Mowatt	" Marshal.
A. McPhail	" Conductor.

The M. W. Grand Master then, on recommendation of the several Representatives, appointed the following District Deputy Grand Masters:—

Brock Lodge	James Curle.
Union Lodge	Geo. Wales.
Chatham Lodge	Jno. Schneider.
Eureka and Forest City Lodges	E. Beltz.
Erie Lodge	W. A. Glover.
Gore Lodge	A. D. Clement.
Samaritan Lodge	Jas. McIntyre.
St. Marys Lodge	Jno. McLean.
Avon Lodge	C. B. Taylor.
Excelsior Lodge	John Barr.
Frontier Lodge	J. H. Stewart.
Mount Zion	———

On motion of Rep. S. G. Dolson, the sum of three dollars ($3) was ordered to be paid Bro. A. G. Batson, for services as Janitor of R. W. Grand Lodge.

The following was adopted on motion of Rep. A. Purvis.

Resolved,—That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are hereby tendered to the worthy Brothers of Gore Lodge for the use of their Lodge room, the accommodations granted, and for the general hospitality and kindness extended to the members of this Grand Lodge during the present session.

The following on motion of Rep. T. Partridge, was adopted:

Resolved,—That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are hereby unanimously extended to each and all of our retiring Grand Officers for the earnest, zealous, and indefatigable manner in which they have performed their onerous duties, during the past year. To one and all this Grand Lodge hereby tenders their affectionate regards, and having retired from the exalted position in which they were placed by this Grand Lodge, it will be a most gratifying and happy remembrance to us to know that they have done their duties with honor to themselves, and to the Order throughout the jurisdiction.

H. McAfee D. G. M., cordially invited this R. W. Grand Lodge to a moonlight excursion, to take place from Windsor on the 22nd of Aug. inst.

Rep. T. Partridge of Forest City Lodge, moved the following:

Resolved,—That when this Lodge adjourn, it do so to meet in the town of St. Catharines, on the first Wednesday in August, 1867.

Rep. Glover, of Erie Lodge, moved in amendment, "That St. Catharines be struck out and Port Burwell inserted, which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the original motion of Rep. Thos. Partridge, it was adopted.

On motion of Rep. T. Partridge, the Bonds of the R. W. Grand Sec. and Treas. were ordered to be cancelled.

On motion of Rep. W. A. Glover, the R. W. Grand Secretary was instructed to have the proceedings of the R. W. Grand Lodge printed at his earliest convenience.

On motion of Rep. W. McBride, of Erie Lodge, the Grand Lodge adjourned in conformity with a previous resolution.

J. B. KING,
Grand Sec. & Treas.

Twelfth Annual Communication

HELD IN THE

TOWN OF ST. CATHARINES, AUG. 7TH & 8TH, 1867.

Union Lodge, No. 16, being assembled in special session, and the M. W. Grand Master and Officers being announced, were admitted and received with the proper honors. The free use of Union Lodge Room being proffered for the transaction of the business of the session, by the Noble Grand, Bro. J. R. Gook, was accepted by the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. H. McAfee, on behalf of the Grand Lodge, after which the special meeting of Union Lodge was closed.

The M. W. Grand Master having taken his seat, called the Grand Lodge to order, and the R. W. Grand Warden having examined those present by direction, declared the Grand Lodge duly opened in the Grand Lodge Degree.

Upon the roll of Officers being called, the following answered to their names:

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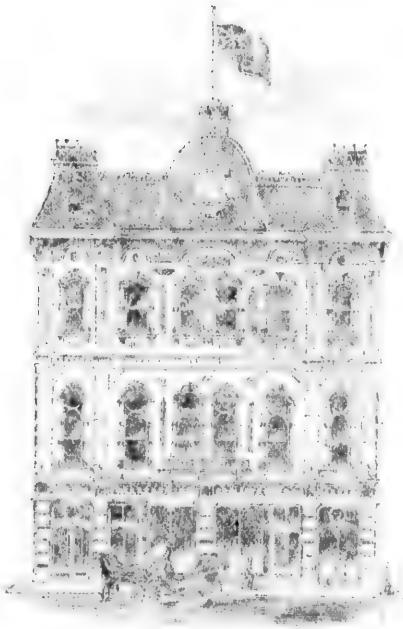

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[illegible] R. KING,
Grand [illegible] & Treas.

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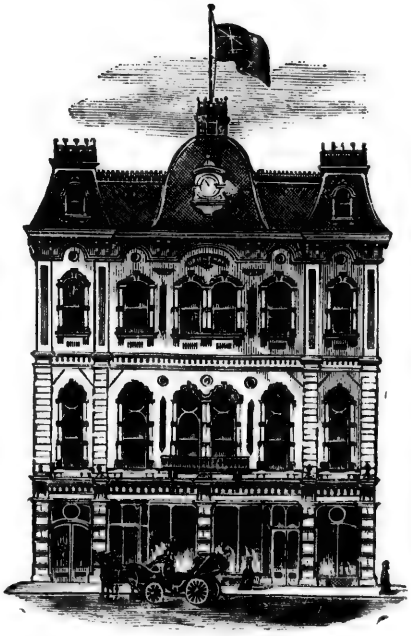

HALL OF ORIENT LODGE, NO. 134, I. O. O. F.,
WELLAND.

For description see Appendix page 17.

HENRY McAFEE.....*M. W. Grand Master.*
T. PARTRIDGE *(pro. tem.)*.....*R. W. Deputy Grand Master.*
JOHN TAYLOR, JR.....*R. W. Grand Warden.*
J. B. KING.....*R. W. Grand Sec. & Treas.*
A. PURVIS.....*R. W. Grand Guardian.*
W. MOWATT.....*R. W. Grand Marshal.*

And also a quorum of Representatives.

The Most Worthy Grand Master then announced the following Committee on Credentials, viz:—Rep. Thos. Partridge, of Forest City Lodge No. 38; J. B. King, R. W. Grand Sec. & Treas., and Rep. Robt. Kirkpatrick, of Eureka Lodge No. 30.

Rep. Thos. Partridge, from the Committee on Credentials, submitted the following Report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West, I. O. O. F.:

We, your Committee on Credentials, having examined the Certificates of the following Past Grands, find them in due form, entitling them to seats in this R. W. Grand Lodge as Representatives of the several Lodges named:

JAMES CURLE,	*Brock Lodge,*	*No.* 9
T. HEALY,	*Union Lodge*	" 16
S. G. DOLSON		
ISAAC SMITH	*Chatham Lodge*	" 29
JOHN HUNTER	*Eureka Lodge*	" 30
R. KIRKPATRICK		
JAMES HERON,		
W. A. GLOVER,	*Erie Lodge*	" 33
C. H. HANKINSON		
EDWIN CHALCRAFT	*Gore Lodge,*	" 34
JAMES McINTYRE	*Samaritan Lodge,*	" 35
G. H. MARLATT	*St. Marys Lodge,*	" 36
ROBERT BARBOUR		
E. BELTZ	*Forest City Lodge*	" 38
M. D. DAWSON		
THOMAS PARTRIDGE		
THOMAS T. IRVING	*Avon Lodge*	" 41
C. B. TAYLOR		
J. W. FERGUSON	*Excelsior Lodge*	" 44
C. E. PEIRCE		
A. B. GRAHAM,	*Frontier Lodge*	" 45
GEORGE IRWIN		
F. GREEN	*Mount Zion Lodge*	" 46

We also find that P. G. M., W. Bissell, Rep. of Forest City Lodge No. 38, is present without his certificate. We being satisfied that he is one of the Representatives of that Lodge, recommend his admission as such.

We therefore submit the following:

Resolved,—That the foregoing report be adopted, and the Past Grands named, be introduced, and such as have not already received the Grand Lodge Degree, be instructed therein.

T. PARTRIDGE,
R. KIRKPATRICK,
J. B. KING.

On motion of Rep. T. Healey of Union Lodge No. 16, the minutes of last session were adopted as printed.

On motion of Rep. Edmund Beltz of Eureka Lodge, No. 30, the sum of (fifty dollars) or so much thereof as may be necessary was appropriated for incidental expenses.

The chair then named the following committees:

On Distribution.—James Woodyatt, P.G.M., S. G. Dolson, P.G.M., Wm. Bissell, P. G. M.

On Correspondence.—H. C. Bingham, P. G. M., Reps. W. A. Glover, C. B. Taylor.

On Returns.—Reps. J. W. Ferguson, A. B. Graham, Jas. Curle, J. B. King, Grand Sec. and Treas.

On State of the Order.—Reps. James Woodyatt, P. G. M., S. G. Dolson, P. G. M., Reps. C. H. Hankinson, C. E. Peirce, Thos. Partridge, Jno. Hunter.

On Finance.—Reps. E. Chalcraft, F. Green, M. D. Dawson.

On Mileage and Per Diem.—Reps. Jas. McIntyre, James Heron, I. Smith.

On Laws of Subordinates.—Reps. T. Healy, G. H. Marlatt, Robert Barbour, T. Partridge.

On Appeals.—Reps. Thos. Partridge, W. A. Glover, E. Chalcraft.

The M. W. Grand Master Henry McAfee, then read the report of the Grand Master Richard Wigmore and his own, both of which were, on motion of Rep. M. D. Dawson, referred to Committee on Distribution.

LATE GRAND MASTER'S REPORT.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West I. O. O. F.

Officers and Representatives,—Preserved by Divine Providence through the changes of another year, you again greet each other at your annual assembly in which I fain would join, but am prevented by circumstances which I cannot control, though absent. To one and all I would wish "Mercy, Grace and Peace" to be multiplied.

In the accomplishment of the great objects of our Order, allow me to congratulate you that during that past year we have not labored in vain nor spent our strenth for naught, a benign Providence has crowned our well directed energy with success. My brethren, I am happy to report that our country for the past year has been in peace, and nothing has transpired to mar the harmony and prosperity of this our country.

"We cannot but hail the confederation of the provinces as giving us an enlarged sphere of operation calculated to draw our members closer together, and blend us more essentially into one.

"Hence, while we may wish the Dominion of Canada every success, we should not overlook the fact, that its success will largely depend on those to whom we entrust the management of its affairs."

Circulars were received by me from different Lodges in the Southern States, asking for aid in building New Lodge Rooms, &c., &c. A few Lodges in this jurisdiction responded to the call, and forwarded contributions to the Grand Secretary, which amounts were duly forwarded to the proper quarter.

I issued a circular to all Lodges in this Jurisdiction, asking aid for the Quebec sufferers, who, at that time were destitute by hundreds, with nothing but the canopy of heaven for their covering.

1. I am happy to inform you that the call was duly responded to, and over one hundred dollars ($100) was sent to the Grand Secretary to be forwarded to the Committee in Quebec, but on account of the manner in which the funds subscribed by the people of this and the Old Country for their relief, has been misapplied by the Relief Committee, I deemed it but right to retain said money for your disposal.

Dec. 1st I received a circular from James L. Ridgely, Esq., R. W. Corresponding and Recording Secretary, Grand Lodge, U. S., requesting that the Lodges in this jurisdiction should set apart the 26th day of April, (Thanksgiving Day). I accordingly issued a circular to all Lodges, requesting them to govern themselves accordingly.

I am most happy to report that the above named day was duly set apart for the purpose mentioned in the circular, by the Brethren of this jurisdiction. I also received a circular from the same source, asking for aid to the Southern Lodges. The Grand Secretary will inform you what amount the Lodges subscribed to that object.

I received a letter from D. D. G. Master, W. A. Glover, Erie Lodge, asking me to be present at the dedication of their New Hall, on the 20th of December. Wishing to pay that Lodge a visit, I availed myself of the invitation.

After the dedication P. G. Master, Bro. Bingham, who had also been specially invited, gave an oration which was listened to with marked attention by all present.

2. I received a communication from D. D. Grand Master, John Barr, of Hamilton, enclosing a petition from five Scarlet members, asking me for a warrant to open another Lodge in the City of Hamilton, to be called Unity Lodge. I complied with their request, and on the 3rd day of April said Lodge was duly opened by Past Grand Master Bingham, assisted by several members of Excelsior Lodge. Bro. Bingham will please accept my thanks for his assistance to me on that occasion, also Bros. Ferguson, Pierce and other members of Excelsior Lodge.

The following questions have been submitted to me:

Can a person be initiated into the Order, over 50 years of age? Answer, No.

Can a person be initiated into the Order who has lost his right arm, but who is in every other respect fully qualified? Answer, No.

If a Brother has lost his card can his Lodge grant him another?

"Answer."—A Brother who has lost or been dispossessed of his card from no cause which should impeach his own conduct, may obtain a new one bearing the same date, from the Lodge which granted the orignal, they being the judge of the propriety of such grant. The card if issued to be marked duplicate on its face. See Journal, page 1841, 1883, 1899, 1952.

3. According to resolution of Rep. Ford on page 254 of last year's Journal, authorizing the sale of the regalia, &c., &c., of the late Rond Eau Lodge. On my visit to Chatham, I sold said regalia to Chatham Lodge for the sum of eighty dollars, said amount was paid and duly forwarded to the Grand Secretary. This sale, however, was made subject to your approval.

In relation to resolution of Rep. Ferguson on page 254 of last year's Journal, regarding the matter of getting an Act of Incorporation, I beg to say that nothing has been done; but I would strongly recommend that action be immediately taken, as a good opportunity is offered since the Confederation of the Provinces has been accomplished.

My correspondence for my term of office is most respectfully submitted.

You will find by the report of your Grand Secretary, that the funds and membership has greatly increased during the past year.

Brethren I cannot allow this opportunity to pass, without referring to the action of the Grand Lodge at its last session, regarding the admission of Bro. Brown of Mount Zion Lodge to a seat in this Grand Lodge, as Rep. without either *Certificate or Credentials* to justify such proceeding. I bring the matter to your notice, and respectfully suggest greater caution in future, and that you at least endeavor to show your subordinate Lodges that the law is carried out to the very letter in this Grand Lodge, then and only then will the dignity of our Grand Body be respected.

4. Officers and Representatives,—I cannot but regret that owing to an Act of Parliament I had to resign the honorable position of Grand Master, to which the suffrages of my Brethren had promoted me. I have also to express my regret at being deprived the privilege of meeting with you in the Grand Lodge, and using my feeble ability in assisting in the advancement of our noble Order. I shall, nevertheless, watch anxiously your proceedings.

Before resigning, I issued the following circular to all Lodges, explaining the cause:

Office of the M. W. Grand Master,
London, May 1st, 1867.

To the R. W. Deputy Grand Master, Officers and Representatives of the R. W. Grand Lodge, C. W.; and to the Officers and Members of Subordinate Lodges under the Jurisdiction of the R. W. Grand Lodge, Canada West:

Brethren,—Having through a recent enactment of th Provincial Parliament of Canada, been forbidden as a Civil officer to take part in, or hold membership with any Secret Order or Society, I am under the painful necessity of resigning the honorable position of Grand Master, to which your kindness has elevated me; and not only this,—I must entirely sever my identity as a brother.

This mandate, whether judicious or otherwise, I am bound to respect, and I need not inform you that nothing but the commands of an authority to which my position in life binds me, would have induced me to take this step; but it is unavoidable—our relations must be severed, deeply as I regret it.

I have, during my term of office, visited every Lodge within the jurisdiction, with the exception of one, which was at too great a distance, and am happy to state that in all, the vigor of youth is discernible, as indeed it cannot otherwise be, based as our principles are, on the most philanthropic and beneficent designs. Numerically and financially, the Lodges are every day increasing; the first adding to our interest, the latter to our means of doing good.

It would have been my greatest pleasure to have retained the honorable position of Grand Master for the remainder of the term, but I would not be doing justice to myself or to the Order, if I retained the position any longer. which the law of the land deprives me of enjoying. *I cannot*, but shall under all circumstances be one with you in heart.

If my assistance in your deeds of Charity will avail anything, I need no other incentive to act, than the knowledge I already possess of your aims and designs, obtained by fifteen years' connection with the Order.

Brethren, I hope and trust, that in all proper efforts to sustain the principles of your noble Order, a guiding Providence will direct your thoughts and steps.

And now, Brethren, I most affectionately bid you one and all—Farewell.

I am, Brethren,
Fraternally yours,
RICHARD WIGMORE,
M. W. Grand Master.

P. S.—From and after the 15th inst., all correspondence to the Grand Master must be directed to Bro. Henry McAfee, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, Windsor, C. W.

I forwarded to the Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Henry McAfee, of Windsor, the Charter, Books, &c., in my possession, the property of this Grand Lodge.

I have visited all Lodges in my jurisdiction, except Brock Lodge, Brockville, which my time would not permit me to visit. Everywhere I received a cordial welcome, and I am happy to report I found all our Lodges working harmoniously, and all increasing in membership.

In conclusion, I have to thank my Brethren in office for the respect shown to me during my official career, and which I cannot forget. I bespeak for your Grand Secretary and Treasurer, your kind appreciation for his services; a better Secretary you cannot get, and I say keep him where he is, if you can. Bro. King, accept my warmest thanks for your attention as Secretary during my reign, and may your shadow never grow less.

Brethren,—I wish one and all peace and prosperity, with an abundance of all the pleasures, privileges and blessings arising out of a common brotherhood in which I hope all mankind will yet be blended. Brethren, farewell, and may our watchword ever be,

"No Sect.—No Section in our creed,
One faith from pole to pole;
The brotherhood of man, the link
Of Universal Soul."

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD WIGMORE,
Late Grand Master,
Grand Lodge Ontario, D. C.

GRAND MASTER'S REPORT.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West, I. O. O. F.:

Officers, Representatives and Past Grands.—We are again permitted through the protecting care of a merciful Providence to assemble in Grand Lodge, to legislate for the noble Order and principles which we all love and revere.

Brethren, I am unexpectedly placed in the position of Grand Master, consequent on the resignation of our respected Brother Richard Wigmore, Esq., whom your suffrages placed in the honorable position of Grand Master at the last annual communication, the causes which compelled him to resign the position is patent to you all, therefore, it is unnecessary for me here to advert further to them, and much as we deplore his loss to our noble cause, we must bow in submission to the law as it is.

On the 15th day of May last, Grand Master Wigmore resigned to me officially the Books and Stationery in his hands belonging to the Grand Lodge, at the same time notifying me that his connexion with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows was then severed.

No alternative being left me, but to take the helm so reluctantly dropped by our late captain, and as *first mate* take charge of the noble craft until this, the 7th day of August, and resign her safely into, I trust, abler and better hands for another year's prosperous voyage in her exalted mission.

Brethren, during my short incumbency, I have but little to report legislatively; but one matter was submitted for my action, viz: Chatham Lodge, No. 29, asks under date of June 3, if one or two black balls require to be reconsidered; I replied that a candidate was elected where only one or two black balls appeared against him in accordance with the constitution of this Grand Lodge, immediately afterwards I had a letter from Bro. John Schneider, the D. D. G. M. of Chatham

Lodge, stating that it was the custom of that Lodge, when two black balls appeared to lay the ballot over for one week, the letters referred to are herewith submitted.

I am pleased to state that the reports from District Deputy Grand Masters of the following named Lodges, are received and herewith submitted, viz: Union Lodge, No. 16, Gore Lodge, No. 34, St. Marys Lodge, No. 36, Avon Lodge, No. 41, Erie Lodge, No. 33, Excelsior Lodge, No. 44; from these as well as from the semi-annual returns to the Grand Secretary and Treasurer for the past term it will be seen that our Order is steadily on the increase, both numerically and financially.

In the report of our R. W. Grand Secretary and Treasurer, you will no doubt get the facts and figures in detail.

Brethren, on one or two matters relating to the interest of the Grand Lodge and the Order, I would respectfully recommend to your earnest consideration. The first is the necessity and importance of continuing the Grand Sec. and Treas. in office, and paying him a reasonable compensation for his services. The duties of the office require both time and talent, which in my opinion should be paid for, and when a competent and faithful officer fills that position, it would, I think, be for the interest of our Order at large, to keep him there as long as he is willing to serve, and remunerate him for his services. Might I cheerfully add that the present incumbent is in every sense fitted for the position both in talent, zeal and ability.

The next matter I would submit for your consideration, is the propriety of locating the Grand Lodge permanently, or at least for a term of years at some central and convenient point. By locating the Grand Lodge permanently, or partly so, I think a saving might be effected to the Grand and many of the Subordinate Lodges, and the interests of the Order as well, if not better subserved than in accordance with the present system.

One other matter I would beg to submit, viz: that not more than two representatives from any one Lodge be paid mileage and *per diem* from the funds of the Grand Lodge; if more than two are sent by any Lodge, or Lodges, let such Lodge pay the expenses of the additional representatives; but at the same time, if a Lodge is entitled to more than two votes, allow the representatives from that Lodge to cast the additional vote or votes such Lodge may be entitled to.

These suggestions are made for your consideration, believing as I do, that if adopted, it will be for the interests of our Order, as that is the only consideration that induces me to place them before you at this time.

Officers, Representatives and Brothers: prosperity, peace and plenty has indeed been ours in the past year, and if we have not made as rapid progress in adding new Lodges and members as some of our Sister jurisdictions on the other side, yet, I think we have abundant reason to lift up our hearts and hands in gratitude to the Supreme Grand Master above, in that he has aided and permitted us to prosper as we have, and invoke a continuance of His blessing in the future, in order that our humble efforts may succeed in spreading abroad amongst our fellow men the glorious and heavenborn principles of Friendship to all, Love to our Brethren and Truth in our intercourse with the world at large. May these principles characterize and animate every one of us, and every member of our beloved Order throughout the globe.

Officers and Representatives, I will not further detain you from the work of the session; may you all enter upon that work with an eye single to the advancement and development of the principles of our beloved Order.

I thank you most cordially for the confidence heretofore reposed, and the courtesies always extended to me since my connection with your Grand Lodge, and if any errors have at any time been committed, attribute them, my brothers, to the head, and not to the heart, for that I am sure is right always in the cause of Odd Fellowship.

All of which is respectfully submitted, in Friendship, Love and Truth.

HENRY McAFEE,
Grand Master.

The M. W. Grand Sire of the Order, together with other distinguished visitors, being in waiting, the chair appointed the following Committee of Past Grand Masters to await on and introduce them, viz: P. G. M., H. C. Bingham, to introduce M. W. Grand Sire, James P. Sanders; P. G. M., S. G. Dolson, to introduce P. G. Rep. Terwilliger, of New York; P. G. M., James D. Tait, to introduce P. G. M., John W. Orr, of New York; P. G. M., James Smith, to introduce G. W. Dewe, of Michigan; P. G. M., James Woodyatt, to introduce P. C. P. A. H. King, of Baltimore; and P. G. M., William Bissell, to introduce P. G. M., Wm. H. Barnes, of Georgia, and P. G. Rep. John White, of New York. They, after being presented to the Grand Lodge, were received with the Grand Honors, and after a suitable reply from the Grand Sire, on behalf of himself and colleagues, were seated.

J. B. King, R. W. Grand Secretary and Treasurer, then submitted his Annual Report and financial statement, which were referred to the Committee on Distribution:

GRAND SECRETARY AND TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the M. W. Grand Master, Officers and Representatives.

Brothers,—Another year, fraught with many of the changes incident to human life, has passed since last we met in the town of Brantford. With its close devolves upon me the necessity of rendering an account of my stewardship, which you will find substantially as follows:

Immediately at the close of the session I received tenders from the Brantford *Expositor* and *Courier* for printing the Journal of 1866. The latter being the lowest, I accepted, and with all due despatch compiled the minutes of the session, and had printed (225) two hundred and twenty-five copies, of which I forwarded the usual numbers to each of the Officers and Representatives of the Grand Lodge; also, to each Subordinate Lodge and the several Grand Lodges and Encampments in the United States.

On the 7th August I wrote to the members of the late Imperial Lodge, Burford, the action taken by the Grand Lodge in reference to their application for cards. (See pp. 251, Journal 1866.) And on the 31st October, Bros. Wm. Douglass, J. R. Douglass, John Collins, and Lewis W. Evans, each paying the amount of his indebtedness to Imperial Lodge when it became defunct, and together with Bros. J. R. Ramsay and S. G. Mathews, applied for cards of clearance, which were duly given them, and they each having applied to Gore Lodge No. 34,

of Brantford, for deposit of card, and having been accepted, I paid to that Lodge the amount necessary for such admission, amounting to ($48.50) forty-eight dollars and fifty cents.

On the 16th August, I received from the M. W. Grand Master fifteen (15) circulars (referred to by him in his report, pp. 349, Jour. 1866), asking aid for Palmetto and Congaree Lodges, of Columbus, S. C., which I at once forwarded to the several Lodges in this jurisdiction, and in response received from Frontier Lodge $10.00, and from Chatham Lodge $6.00; in all, $16.00, U. S. currency. After waiting a sufficient time to hear from all the Lodges, I forwarded the amount to the committee appointed to receive it, which has been duly acknowledged.

1. As directed (pp. 250, Journal 1866), I wrote to Messrs. M. C. Lilley & Co., publishers of the "Odd Fellow's Companion," thanking them for their courtesy in sending to this Grand Lodge a copy of their valuable magazine. I am still in receipt of it, and would suggest the propriety of having the volume completed, neatly bound. I have also to acknowledge the receipt of "Western Odd Fellow," a neat monthly published at Mason, Michigan; also, "The Olive Wreath," published at Chicago, Ill.

On the 10th August I wrote to the R. W. Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Kansas, the decision of this Grand Body relative to the price of our blank Charters, viz: $2.00 cash, U. S. currency; and on the 15th October I received from that Grand Lodge an order for twenty-five copies, which I at once forwarded, and for which I received the sum of fifty dollars, American funds.

2. On the 20th August I wrote to Bro. R. Thoroughgood, of late Long Point Lodge of Simcoe, asking information of the effects, funds, &c., of that Lodge, which were not returned or surrendered with the books, &c. Receiving no reply, I wrote to Bro. Geo. F. Counter, of the same place. Shortly after I had the pleasure of an interview with the brother, and learned from him that the funds and other effects of that Lodge had been divided between the brothers to whom cards were recommended at last session (pp. 228, Jour. 1866.) The brother told me he would use his utmost endeavors to have the amount received by each brother properly returned to this R. W. Grand Lodge, thereby complying with the obligation they have taken. I have heard nothing from them since, although I have written to Bro. Counter lately.

On the 3rd September I sent to each State Grand Lodge in the United States a circular, descriptive of our blank Charters, with the price of the same. In reply, I received orders from the R. W. Grand Lodges of Maryland and Illinois for samples, which I at once forwarded, but have received no reply.

On the 25th September I wrote to Bro. J. M. O'Connor, of the late Thames Lodge, of Mitchell, relative to the effects of that Lodge, and received in reply the Secretary's and Treasurer's books, and a few forms of but little, if any, value; together with a letter asking, if in case their Charter was restored to them, would the effects surrendered to the Grand Lodge be restored also? To which I replied that they would, but have heard nothing from him since.

Received a letter from Bro. Escavaille, R. W. Grand Secretary of Maryland, suggesting that if the blank Charters could be printed with the colored tint, leaving the letter press out, they might command a ready sale for blanks on which to engross complimentary and other resolutions frequently passed by subordinate Lodges. I at once wrote

to W. C. Chewett & Co. (who have the Charter stone in keeping), making enquiries if such could be done, and learned from them that it could. I wrote to Bro. Escavaille accordingly, but as yet received no reply.

3. A fearful fire having occurred at Quebec, in the fall of the year 1866, by which some 10,000 of our fellow beings were rendered homeless, and by the Providence of God thrown upon the charity of the world, an appeal was made to the several Lodges in this jurisdiction, asking aid in their behalf. In answer to which I received $102.35 from the Lodges, as follows, viz: Brock No. 9, $15.; Union No. 16, $5; Eureka No. 30, $10; Gore No. 34, $11; Avon No. 41, $7; Excelsior No. 44, $20; Frontier No. 45, $13; St. Marys No. 36, $15; Mount Zion No. 46, $2.35; Samaritan No. 35, $4—$102.35.

Large sums of money were subscribed for the same purpose in all parts of the Provinces and abroad, and it being alleged that the money so generously contributed was not used for the purposes for which it was given, I deemed it prudent to withhold the amount subscribed by the Lodges, It is now in my possession, and awaits your disposal.

On the 1st December I received from the R. W. Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of the United States, a proclamation by the M. W. Grand Sire, appointing April 26th, 1867, as a day of thanksgiving and prayer, and requesting the appropriate authorities to issue a circular to the Lodges in this jurisdiction to that effect. Also, at the same time, a copy of the resolutions passed at the late session of the Grand Lodge of the United States relative to the destitution of the Lodges in the Southern jurisdictions, together with a circular issued by the M. W. Grand Sire, requesting the M. W. Grand Master to issue a circular to the Lodges in this jurisdiction appealing for aid in their behalf; both of which I at once placed before the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. R. Wigmore, who directed me to issue appropriate circulars in each case, which duty I duly performed.

4. On the 28th December I received twenty-eight copies of the proceedings of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, which I at once sent to the various officers and members of this Grand Lodge; also to each of the subordinate Lodges. An alteration being recommended in the form of semi-annual returns, I have prepared and herewith submit a new form of semi-annual returns, which conforms to the regulations of that R. W. Grand Body.

During January I received nearly all of the semi-annual returns, ending 31st December, 1866, and in July those for term ending 30th June, 1867, In each case an increased interest is plainly manifested.

5. On the 25th February, I received from Hamilton the cards of five brothers, together with an application for a dispensation to open a second Lodge of the Order in that city. By the direction of the M. W. Grand Master I filled up the dispensation, and the Lodge was duly instituted by P. G. M., H. C. Bingham, on the 3rd April, under instructions from Grand Master Wigmore.

6. On the 2nd April, I received from R. W. Grand Secretary Ridgley, a "Tract," published by order of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, and to be issued to State and Provincial Grand Lodges, at a fixed price per hundred, and to be supplied to Subordinate Lodges at cost; said "Tract" is ably prepared, and calculated to advance the interests of our Order. I would recommend that a supply be ordered.

7. On the 3rd May, 1867, I received a letter from Selma, Alabama,

asking aid for the Lodge in that city, and asking me to distribute the same amongst the Lodges in this jurisdiction. Being under the impression that the appeal from the R. W. Grand Lodge, United States, included this, as also all other Lodges in the South, and with the advice of the M. W. Grand Master, I notified the brethren accordingly. I also received a circular from Grenville, S. C., for same purpose, both of which are herewith submitted.

On the 2nd May, I received from the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. R. Wigmore, a notice of his formal resignation of office, together with a copy of his circular to the various Lodges in this jurisdiction announcing this fact.

8. I have to acknowledge the receipt of the proceedings of the R. W. Grand Lodges of North Carolina, South Carolina, Texas, Indiana, West Virginia, Massachusetts, Arkansas, Connecticut, Michigan, Virginia, Missouri, Ohio, Kansas, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Kentucky, Nebraska, District of Columbia, New Jersey, and New York; and of the Grand Encampments of Illinois, Texas, Arkansas, and New Jersey.

In order that a more extended notice of their contents may be presented to the brethren of the jurisdiction, I would respectfully suggest that your committee on correspondence examine the same and compile a report, to be presented at this session, as there is much valuable information in them which is likely to be of great interest to the Brotherhood generally.

Orders for supplies are continually received, without the seal of the Lodge attached. Such neglect invariably causes delay in sending the supplies or information sought for.

The report to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States was duly forwarded, together with the amount due by this Grand Lodge for representative tax and supplies, the receipt for which is now on fyle.

The Financial Report, comprising the receipts and expenditures and present financial standing of the Grand Lodge, is substantially as follows:

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To Balance received from Grand Sec. and Treas. Wigmore,...	$ 780 11	
" Receipts of the year.....	1094 24	
Total,		$1874 35

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By expended during the year, including amount paid to the Officers and Representatives at Session held at Brantford, 1866.....	$ 570 27
Leaving a balance at present on hand of.....	1304 08
An increase of $523.97 during the year.	
	$1874 35

The details of which are as follows:

J. B. KING, GRAND SECRETARY AND TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE R. W. GRAND LODGE, C. W., I. O. O. F.

1865. *DR.*

Aug. 3	To balance, cash received from Grand Secretary Wigmore,.....	$780 11
" 29	" Cash from Excelsior Lodge, on account.....	27 00
" 29	" " Excelsior Lodge, supplies,.....	4 50
" 30	" " Chatham Lodge, supplies,.....	9 00
Oct. 9	" " Excelsior Lodge, supplies,.....	1 25
Nov. 2	" " Grand Lodge of Kansas, 25 blank Charters, at $2 each, U. S. currency, $50.00, at 71c.....	35 50

Nov. 6	"	"	Excelsior Lodge, Digest	1 50
" 21	"	"	Union " Supplies	10 10
Dec. 22	"	"	St. Marys, " "	10 00
1867.				
Jan. 7	"	"	Bro. J. W. Ferguson, Digest G. L. U. S.....	1 50
" 3	"	"	Gore Lodge 34, Percentage	13 11
" 11	"	"	Union Lodge 16, Percentage	39 82
" 21	"	"	Samaritan Lodge 35, Percentage.....	8 14
" 11	"	"	Mount Zion " 46, on account of Percentage....	10 90
" 14	"	"	Erie " 33, "	32 14
" 14	"	"	Erie " 33, Supplies	1 86
" 3	"	"	Gore " 34, "	3 00
" 17	"	"	Mount Zion " 46, Balance of Percentage	1 30
" 17	"	"	Eureka " 30, Percentage	40 44
" 17	"	"	Forest City " 38, "	45 43
" 23	"	"	Excelsior " 44, "	43 96
" 23	"	"	" " 44, Balance on old account.....	5 36
" 23	"	"	" " 44, Supplies	4 00
" 24	"	"	Chatham " 29, Percentage.....	9 86
" 31	"	"	Frontier " 45, "	27 66
" 31	"	"	Bro. W. Douglass, arrears due late Imperial Lodge	6 50
" 31	"	"	" J. R. Douglass, " "	6 50
" 31	"	"	" John Collins, " "	9 25
Feb. 3	"	"	" L. W. Evans, " "	5 00
" 15	"	"	Avon Lodge 41, Percentage.....	13 51
Mar. 27	"	"	Brock Lodge 9, Percentage.....	10 45
" 27	"	"	Brock Lodge 9, Supplies	1 62
Jan. 10	"	"	St. Marys Lodge 36, Percentage.....	14 33
May 28	"	"	Forest City Lodge 38, Supplies.....	6 00
June 20	"	"	Gore Lodge, 34, supplies	6 74
July 3	"	"	Gore Lodge 34, Percentage	21 68
" 5	"	"	Chatham Lodge 29, Percentage	15 42
" 5	"	"	Chatham Lodge 29, Set of Regalia	80 00
" 9	"	"	Union Lodge 16, Percentage.....	27 69
" 10	"	"	Erie Lodge 33, Percentage on account	24 00
" 11	"	"	Eureka Lodge 30, Percentage.....	51 92
" 11	"	"	Forest City Lodge 38, "	68 40
" 12	"	"	Brock Lodge, 9, "	17 60
" 12	"	"	St. Marys Lodge 36, "	24 02
" 13	"	"	Avon Lodge 41, "	25 10
" 13	"	"	Frontier Lodge 45, "	41 32
" 16	"	"	Excelsior Lodge 44, "	33 38
" 16	"	"	Unity Lodge 47, "	18 34
" 16	"	"	Samaritan Lodge 35, "	35 00
" 18	"	"	Mount Zion Lodge, 46 "	17 43
Mar. 22	"	"	Charter, Working Books, &c., Unity Lodge 47....	30 00
" 22	"	"	Subscribed for Quebec Relief Fund.....	102 35
" 22	"	"	$50 U. S. currency, at 71c.....	35 50
				$1880 98

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Aug. 2	By paid Mileage and Per Diem to Officers and Representatives at the session held at Brantford, August 1st and 2nd, as follows:		
"	"	Bro. J. Smith, Rep. to R. W. G. L. U. S.....	$ 8 72
"	"	" J. D. Tait, M. W. Grand Master.....	9 76
"	"	" H. McAfee, R. W. Deputy Grand Master.....	17 44
"	"	" R. Wigmore, Grand Secretary and Treasurer.....	8 72
"	"	" E. Beltz, Grand Warden	8 72
"	"	" J. Taylor, Jr., Rep. Brock Lodge No. 9.....	26 88
"	"	" S. G. Dolson, Rep. Union Lodge No. 16	9 76
"	"	" A. Purvis, Rep. Union Lodge No. 16	9 76
"	"	" H. Northwood, Rep. Chatham Lodge No. 29.....	13 84
"	"	" R. Kirkpatrick, Rep. Eureka Lodge No. 30.....	8 72

Aug. 2	"	" Jas. Heron, Rep. Eureka Lodge No. 30	8 72
"	"	" W. A. Glover, Rep. Erie Lodge No. 33	9 82
"	"	" W. McBride, Rep. Erie Lodge No. 33	9 82
"	"	" W. B. Woodyatt, Rep. Gore Lodge No. 34	4 00
"	"	" Jas. McIntyre, Rep. Samaritan Lodge No. 35	7 04
"	"	" W. N. Ford, Rep. St. Marys Lodge No. 36	8 08
"	"	" W. Bissell, Rep. Forest City Lodge No. 38	8 72
"	"	" Thos. Partridge, " "	8 72
"	"	" M. D. Dawson, " "	8 72
"	"	" W. Mowatt, Rep. Avon Lodge, No. 41,	7 20
"	"	" John Barr, Rep. of Excelsior Lodge No. 44	7 20
"	"	" J. W. Ferguson, Rep. of Excelsior Lodge No. 44	7 20
"	"	" J. Batty, Rep. of Frontier Lodge, No. 45	17 44
"	"	" J. H. Stewart, Rep. of Frontier Lodge No. 45	17 44
"	"	" W. W. Brown, Rep. of Mount Zion Lodge No. 46	11 60
"	"	" A. G. Batson, Janitor of Lodge 34	3 00
" 8	"	J. Sutherland, stationery	2 75
" 13	"	C. E. Stewart, printing	2 50
" 30	"	Express Charges on Books to Chatham	0 30
Sept. 10	"	A. Burgy, desk for Grand Sec. and Treas	9 00
" 15	"	For repairing Seal	0 75
" 28	"	H. Lemmon, printing Journal, session 1866	51 00
"	"	" Question Book, Union Lodge	2 50
"	"	Jas. Smith, Rep. G. L. U. S. Representative tax, $75 00	
		Cards 75 00	
		Books 30 00	
		Bal. due Wildy Monument Fund 5 16	
		$185 16 less exchange	124 05
"	"	Bank of B. N A., exchange	0 40
Oct. 13	"	H. Lemmon, printing Headings	6 25
" 18	"	Gore Lodge 34, deposit of card of S. G. Mathews	7 75
" 25	"	Gore Lodge 34, deposit card of J. R. Ramsay	7 75
Nov. 2	"	Express charges on money from Kansas	1 60
" 9	"	H. Lemmon, printing circulars	1 25
"	"	Express charges to date	1 20
Dec. 21	"	Express charges on Proceedings G. L. U. S	1 25
"	"	H. Lemmon, printing	2 00
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Jan. 19	"	" " proclamation	2 50
" 24	"	Express charges on money from Excelsior 44	0 40
" 31	"	" " " Frontier 45	0 65
"	"	Gore Lodge, deposit of card of J. R. Douglas	14 25
"	"	Gore Lodge, deposit card of Wm. Douglas	3 25
"	"	" " " " J. Collins	9 25
"	"	" " " " L. W. Evans	6 25
"	"	Post Office account to date	11 40
Feb. 5	"	Express charges on cards from G. L. U. S	1 15
"	"	Duties on the same 15 per cent	2 22
Mar. 1	"	Binding Vol. Proceedings G. L. U. S	1 00
"	"	" " " Canada West	0 75
" 25	"	J. Sutherland, box envelopes	1 75
"	"	Expositor Office, printing the same	0 75
May 18	"	" " printing Grand Master's Farewell Address	3 00
"	"	A. D. Clement, P. O. account to 1st July	9 64
July 30	"	A. Burgy, case for Grand Secretary's desk	2 75
Aug. 7	"	R. W. Grand Secretary's Incidental Expenses	6 40
"		Balance in Secretary and Treasurer's hands	1304 08
			$1880 98

AMOUNT OF STOCK ON HAND.

Banner, Regalia, Emblems	$10 00	
18 Charge Books, at $3 each	54 00	
3 Degree Books, at $3 each	9 00	
7 Degree of Rebekah, at $2 each	14 00	
3 Public Installation Books, at $1 25	3 75	
270 Propositions for Membership, at 2 cents	5 40	
702 Reports on Character, at 2 cents	14 04	
74 Representatives Certificates, at 2 cents	1 48	111 67
172 P. G. " at 2 cents	3 44	
255 Treasurer's bonds at 5 cents	12 75	
270 Orders for Supplies, at 3 cents	8 10	
293 Odes, at 6 cents	17 58	
28 Blank Rules and Regulations, at 10 cents	2 80	44 67
1 Charter Stone	52 50	
19 Blank Charters for sale, at $1 50	28 50	
36 Travelling Cards, at 25 cents	9 00	
16 Withdrawal Cards, at 25 cents	4 00	
62 Charters for use	0 00	
Letter headings, &c	3 00	97 00
		$253 34

RECAPITULATION.

Number Initiated	287	
" Admitted by card	24	
" Reinstated	12	323
" Withdrawn by card	30	
" Ceased to be members, N. P. D.	30	
" Expelled	2	
" Deceased	1	63
Increase		260
" Of members as per last report		647
Contributing members		907
" Of members in arrears (suspended and not suspended)		143
Actual membership		1050
" Of degrees conferred		750
" Of Brothers relieved		79
" Of Widows relieved		16
Total amount paid for relief		$1304 00
" " burying the dead		78 00
Total Relief		$1382 00
Amount of Percentage Received		$705 29
Annual Receipts of Lodges		7635 13
Widow and Orphans' Fund		10510 46
General Fund		9774 83
The total assets of the Lodge are as follows:		
Cash in Treasurer's hands		$1304 08
Supplies on hand		253 34
Amounts due by Subordinate Lodges		0 00
Regalia, Emblems, &c., of Defunct Lodges		25 00
Total		$1582 42

This amount of supplies on hand does not include a number of old Charge and Degree Books, which have formerly been included as supplies. As they, being soiled and mutilated, are useless and represent an amount not to be realized, I would recommend that they be destroyed.

The account of the R. W. Grand Lodge U. S. is herewith presented, as also the correspondence of my office, which has been rather extensive, all of which has evinced a firm interest in the cause and a steady desire for the advancement of the principles of benevolence and peace. Your approval of my acts is respectfully asked for.

Clause 11. I deem it necessary that a copy of all correspondence of this office should be kept on fyle. To that end I would recommend that the Grand Secretary be authorized to procure for his office a small letter press and copy book.

In conclusion, permit me to congratulate you on the increased membership and much improved state of the finances during the year just closed, and to thank you all kindly for the uniform courtesy and forbearance shown me. To P. G. Masters H. C. Bingham and James Woodyatt, late Grand Master R. Wigmore and Most Worthy Grand Master Henry McAfee am I especially indebted for valuable assistance and timely advice.

With the hope that the business of this session may be transacted with that harmony which has always characterized the meetings of this Grand Lodge, this report is fraternally submitted.

J. B. KING,
Grand Secretary and Treasurer.

The Right Worthy Grand Rep. to the G. L. U. S., James Smith, then read his Annual report, which, on motion of Rep. Heron, was referred to the Committee on Distribution:

REPORT OF R. W. GRAND REPRESENTATIVE.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West I. O. O. F.

Most Worthy Grand Master, Officers and Representatives:—After a lapse of another year, I again have the honor as your Grand Representative to the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States to appear before you, to submit for your consideration an account of my stewardship at the session of that Grand Body which commenced on Monday, the 17th day of September, in the city of Baltimore, and which concluded on the following Friday evening after a most agreeable and harmonious session.

I have no doubt but that it will be a great source of gratification to all members in this jurisdiction to learn of the extraordinary success which our Order has met with during the past year, and of its brilliant prospects for the future.

At no former session has there been such a representation; The jurisdiction of Canada East, alone, being unrepresented.

I hereunder submit a copy of decisions rendered by the Grand Sire, during the past year, all of which were approved, see page 3953 and 3988.

1. When the Constitution of a Grand body designates and fixes the place of its meetings, and that instrument is amended so as to per-

mit the Grand Body to determine by resolution, or otherwise, where its sessions shall be held; such amendment must be approved by the Grand Lodge of the United States, and until approved by the Grand Body, must continue to meet at the place required by its Constitution prior to the adoption of the amendment. (See page 3953 & 3988 Journal.)

2. In all cases where a Lodge is about to ballot for a brother to receive his degrees, to be conferred either in that Lodge or in a Degree Lodge, the Lodge must close in the initiatory degree previous to opening in the degrees to the balloted for.

3. When a Lodge is open in the first degree, and has concluded the business to be transacted in such degree, and desires to open in the second degree, the Lodge must close in the first degree before opening in the second degree, in the manner and form prescribed by the Degeee Charge Book, and the same rule applies to all degrees.

4. The proceedings of a Lodge, when open in the degrees, may be read and approved at such time as the local law may provide, either at the same meeting at which the proceedings took place, and before closing in the particular degree, or at a subsequent meeting when open in that degree.

5. Certificates issued to Members of an extinct subordinate by the proper officers of the State Grand Body, in conformity with the existing laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States, do not require the countersignature of the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary to make them available, but all such certificates are to be recognized by every Subordinate to which they may be presented, whether in or out of the jurisdiction issuing them as having the same form and effect, and entitling the holders thereof to all the privileges of a card of withdrawal issued by an existing Subordinate in good standing.

6. The force and effect of the law regulating membership in the Patriarchal Branch of the Order is not checked or destroyed by the neglect or failure of the Secretary of a Lodge to give notice to an Encampment of either the granting of a withdrawal card to one of its members who is also a member of an Encampment, or the renewal of membership in a Lodge by deposit of card, but that whenever an Encampment is satisfied of the *fact*, in whatever form it may be presented of the withdrawal of one of its members from a Lodge, or the renewal of his membership in a Lodge, in either case it is sufficient under the existing law to establish the status of an Encampment Membership.

7. The A. T. P. W. required of a Brother to prove himself in possession of when he offers to visit a Subordinate on a visiting or unexpired withdrawal card, or as an applicant for membership therein by deposit of a proper card is the A. T. P. W., of the year in which the card was issued and bears date.

8. "In reply to a question," whether a Lodge after its adjournment can go through and rehearse the "Old" initiating ceremony of its members." I gave it as my opinion that the rehearsal in any of the Halls or Lodge Rooms of the Order of any work which is not the present recognized work in use, and prescribed as such by the Grand Lodge of the United States, is clearly against all propriety, and that such a practice is highly censurable, improper, and irregular, and should not be permitted by the Grand Officers of a Grand Body.

9. My opinion has been asked from several quarters, whether Raffles, Lotteries,, Gift Enterprises, &c., gotten up by Hall Associa-

tions and Lodges, ostensibly for building Halls, &c., were not in violation of the law of the Grand Lodge of the United States prescribing the manner and form of asking relief of Subordinates, and invoking my official interposition in suppressing such schemes. I gave it as my opinion that they were not prohibited by the law referred to, unless there was an evident design to evade the law by resorting to such schemes for the purpose of obtaining relief, where the requisite permission could not be obtained from the proper authorities, and that it was competent for the State Grand Bodies to prohibit such schemes emanating from their jurisdictions, or being laid before their Subordinates, when coming from any other jurisdictions. This plan of soliciting aid is obnoxious to the moral sense of the Order and meets with general condemnation, and I respectfully suggest that some law be enacted at this session controlling all applications for pecuniary assistance in every form in which they may be presented to the Order, whether from Hall Associations, Lodges, Encampments, or otherwise, and requiring in all cases the approval and recommendation of the Grand Bodies or Grand Officers of the jurisdiction, from which such application may come and also of the jurisdiction in which they desire to ask aid.

The Committee to whom the last named decision was referred, submitted the following resolutions which were adopted. See page 3953 of Journal.

Resolved,—"That no Lodge or Encampment, or any of the members thereof; shall, in the name of the Order, resort to any scheme of Raffles, Lotteries or Gift Enterprises, or schemes of hazard or chance of any kind, as a means to raise funds for any purpose of relief or assistance to such Subordinates, or to individual members.

Resolved,—"That no Lodge or Encampment shall entertain any application for pecuniary aid or assistance under whatsoever scheme it may be presented, unless the same be authorized by the Grand Body, or its principal Grand Officer, of the Jurisdiction in which aid is solicited, and in accordance with the form prescribed for such purposes by this Grand Body."

The Grand Sire, in his report, referred to other matters of vital importance to the Order; the principal of which were the uses and abuses of the Degree of Rebekah, report page 4013, adjourned to next session; of the privilege granted by Grand Bodies on the Pacific Coast, to members of the Order residing in their limits who had become suspended for non-payment of dues in other jurisdictions (with reference to this portion he, the Grand Sire, suggested that a special resolution be adopted at this session for the guidance of all Grand Bodies). Adopted, page 4011 Journal. See report, page 3982.

He strongly declaimed against the expulsion of members for non-payment of dues, as not being in accordance with the spirit of Oddfellowship, impolitic, unjust, and confounding misfortune with crime:

To the present system of suspending members for non-payment of dues the Grand Sire would call particular attention.

Clause 1. The Legislative Committee to whom these latter suggestions were referred reported, (see page 3994, Journal) suggesting that a Committee of five be appointed to report at next session on the subject, report adopted (P. P. 4011.) The next recommendation of the Grand Sire; I would respectfully call the particular attention of this Grand Lodge to, which was, to the condition of the Order in Canada East, the work altogether ceasing there and with only a slight vitality in the Lower Provinces. In consequence of which he suggests that this jurisdiction be extended over Canada East and that the

Grand Sire be empowered to appoint a special Commissioner to visit the sections named, with full authority to restore Charters of extinct Lodges, and institute new ones wherever a Grand Lodge does not exercise jurisdiction. The special Commissioner to be also clothed with power to treat with the Manchester Unity of Odd Fellows in the British Possessions of North America, with a view to an alliance and full communion with them, on accepting our work.

Rep. Fitzhugh, of Virginia, from the Legislative Committee, to whom the subject was referred, made a report, (see page 3965, Journal,) from which the following is an extract.

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Legislation to whom that portion of the Grand Sire's report, relating to the Order in British North America, has been referred, beg leave to report, that, at the suggestion of the Chairman of the Committee on the state of the Order that the whole subject should be disposed of by one committee. They have considered the same, and as the result of their deliberations recommend the approval of the Grand Sire's suggestions, and among others the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved,—That the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Canada West be, and is hereby requested to make known to this Grand Body, at its next Annual Session, whether there is any objection to extending the jurisdiction of that Grand Lodge over the Province of Canada East, in the event that this Grand Lodge, after hearing the report of said Special Commissioner and such other information as may be laid before it, shall judge that such a course be proper; all of which were considered and adopted. (See page 4007, Journal.)

The report of our noble and much beloved Right Worthy Grand Secretary, Bro. Ridgely, was submitted; and contains a vast amount of highly interesting and important revelations as to our present position and the wonderful strides made by our Order during the past year. His report shows that our success in every respect, the past year, has far exceeded that of any similar term since the organization of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States.

Right Worthy Grand Treasurer, Vansant, submitted a very gratifying account of his Stewardship. The past year's receipts exceeded that of the previous year in the sum of nearly eight thousand dollars, ($8,000.)

It is also pleasing to learn from the same report that the work of the Wildey Monument, has been fully completed, and that all expenses in connection with the same have been paid. There still remains to the credit of the Monument Fund over $2, 000, the interest of which is to be devoted to the purpose of keeping in repair the Monument and appurtances belonging thereto, and to such improvments as the Grand Lodge in its discretion may deem expedient.

I would call the particular attention of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge to the following matters of interest to be considered at the next session of the Grand Lodge.

1. "The Degree of Rebecca," action on which was postponed till next session.

2, Revision of our Ritual was likewise deferred, and on motion each Grand Rep. was permitted to take home with him a copy of the work as printed with positive instructions that the same be returned to the Right Worthy Grand Secty. at the next session of the Grand Lodge.

The next Annual Session of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the

United States was on motion, decided to be held in the City of New York.

On Journal page 3936, Rep. Norcross, of California, submitted the following query, viz:

Has a Subordinate Encampment the right to appropriate its funds to defray the necessary expenses of celebrating, with appropriate ceremonies, the 26th day of April, the Anniversary of the introduction of Oddfellowship in America,

The above was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order whose report (page 3959) was adopted. (Journal page 4007. That the question of the right of any Subordinate to appropriate their funds to pay the expenses of celebrating the anniversary of the introduction of our Order in America, rests exclusively with the Members of said Subordinates. This Grand Body has eschewed all right to determine such questions, and has decided; that Subordinates have power to regulate and control their own financial affairs, a delicate, sacred, and highly cherished prerogative with which the Grand Lodge of the United States will not unwisely interfere. (See Journal of 1855, page 2496, and 1857, page 2831.

On Journal page 3962, Rep. Foss, of Illinois, moved the following resolution; which was adopted:

Resolved,—That there be granted to the jurisdictions of Illinois, Georgia, Kentucky, Arkansas, Newbraska, Florida, Texas, Canada West, Minnesota, Vermont, New Jersey and New Hampshire, the right to admit to membership within their several jurisdictions, upon such terms as may be right and just, as proposed by Section 4, art 16 of the Constitution; all suspended members of other jurisdictions residing within the several jurisdictions named above, who may have been suspended for non payment of dues only, and such members of defunct Lodges of other jurisdictions as may not be able to procure proper cards or other vouchers.

The Legislative Committee relative to the resolution of Rep. Ellis, of Maryland; and the amendment of Rep. Barry offered thereto (page 3853, Journal) reported, submitting the following resolutions (see page 3967) which were adopted: (Page 4007, Journal.)

Resolved,—That in all cases of application for membership in Subordinate Lodges or Encampment under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, three black balls shall be necessary to reject the candidate, but if the application shall be by card, a majority only of the Members present on ballot, shall be necessary to elect

Resolved,—That the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be directed to transmit, in circular form, under the Seal of this Grand Lodge a copy of the foregoing resolution to each Subordinate Lodge and Encampment working under the immediate jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge

Through the Special Committee on that subject two forms of funeral Service; were submitted, one by Rep. Mayes, of Miss., and the the other by Grand Chaplain I. D. Williamson, (page 3997) and upon resolution the consideration of the same was postponed till next session (see page 4013 Journal.)

A resolution submitted by Rep. Dennis, of Michigan, in approval of the American Odd Fellow as the organ of the Grand Lodge United States, was adopted; thus again placing upon record their estimation of Bro. Orr's efforts in the publication of an Odd Fellows' Journal.

On resolution of Rep. Logan, the thanks of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge were tendered to Past Grand Sire Isaac M. Veitch. (Members standing.) The Right Worthy Grand Secretary was instructed to procure the portrait of Past Grand Sire Veitch, the same to be placed in the Cabinet of the Right Worthy Grand Body.

The following highly honored and Revered Brothers having been

duly elected to the several offices, were by Past Grand Sire Veitch, installed into their respective positions for and during the present term, viz :

Most Worthy Grand Sire James P. Saunders, Yonkers, New York; Right Worthy Deputy Grand Sire Edwin D. Farnsworth, Nashville, Tennessee; Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary James L. Ridgley, Baltimore, Maryland: Right Worthy Grand Treasurer Joshua Vansant, Baltimore, Maryland.

The appointed officers were likewise installed as follows:

Right Worthy Grand Chaplain, Rev. I. D. Williamson, Ohio; Right Worthy Grand Marshall, John S Heip, Pennsylvania; Right Worthy Grand Guardian, John P Foss, Illinois; Right Worthy Grand Messenger, John E Chamberlain, Baltimore, Md.

Upon retiring, Past Grand Sire Veitch delivered an eloquent address in every way suitable to the occasion.

Most Worthy Grand Sire Sanders, upon taking the gavil also addressed the Grand Lodge. His remarks were well timed, fluent and forcible; and well calculated to instill a new energy in all present.

Officers and Brethren, again I have to chronicle the courtesies which were extended to me by the Officers and Representatives of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge, and also of the many good Brethren of Baltimore and elsewhere during my sojourn among them. I cannot fully describe either with pen or tongue, the fraternal attentions bestowed me.

Officers and Brethren, I again thank you most cordially for the honor conferred on me in placing me in the honorable position of Representative to the Grand Lodge of the United States. Brothers, the condition of our "*Order*" is such as to give us renewed energy in spreading abroad its noble principles, let us strive earnestly to strengthen and perpetuate them.

With much Respect, I subscribe myself,

Yours Faithfully and Fraternally, &c., &c.,

JAMES SMITH,
Grand Representative.

Past Grand Master H. C. Bingham, moved that the hour of twelve o'clock noon to-morrow be fixed for the exemplification of the unwritten work by the M. W. Grand Sire.

Rep. E. Beltz moved to amend by striking out the word twelve o'clock noon and inserting three o'clock, p. m. Also to add, that the Lodge be then opened in the scarlet degree, which was resolved in the affirmative, and

The motion as amended was adopted.

Rep. Thos. Partridge, from the Committee on Credentials. presented the following Supplementary Report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West I. O. O. F.:

We, your Committee on Credentials, beg to submit the following Supplemetary Report: That we have examined the certificates of the following Past Grands and find them in due form, entitling them to seats as such:

Past Grands John Noble of Gore Lodge No. 34; Walter Chatfield, Arthur Lepper, H. N. Camp, Richard Peterson, James Dougan, Louis Dorr, James Bird of Union Lodge No. 16.

The following resolution was therefore submitted.

Resolved,—That the foregoing report be adopted and the Past Grands named admitted to their seats, after having been duly instructed in the Grand Lodge Degree by the R. W. Grand Warden, in the anteroom.

T. PARTRIDGE,
R. KIRKPATRICK,
J. B. KING.

The account of the late Most Worthy Grand Master, R. Wigmore, amounting to forty dollars twenty and a half cents, was on motion, referred to the Committee on Finance.

The hour of one o'clock having arrived, the Grand Lodge adjourned to meet at four o'clock, p. m.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Grand Lodge was called to order by the Most Worthy Grand Master, Henry McAfee.

The roll of Officers being called, the following answered to their names, viz:

HENRY McAFEE,.....*M. W. Grand Master*
THOS. PARTRIDGE,.....*R. W. D. Grand Master, pro tem.*
JAS. SMITH,.....*Grand Rep. to G. L., U. S.*
J. B. KING,.....*Grand Secty. & Treas.*
A. PURVIS,.....*Grand Guardian.*
WM. MOWATT,.....*Grand Marshall,*
and a quorum of Representatives.

Jas. Woodyatt P. G. M., from the Committee on distribution, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West, I. O. O. F.:

We, your Committee on Distribution of the subjects above referred to in the report of the Right Worthy Grand Officers after a careful survey of the same, recommend.

1. That Clauses marked 2 and 4 of Grand Master Wigmore's report; Clause 2 of Grand Master McAfee's report; Clauses 2 & 5, and the Statistical Table of the Grand Secy. and Treas. report, and Clause 1 of the Right Worthy Grand Representative's Report be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

2. That Clauses marked 1 & 3 of Grand Master Wigmore's report; Clause 1 of Grand Master McAfee's report, and 1, 3, 6, 7, 9, & 10 and the Financial Tables of the Grand Secty. and Treas. report; be referred to the Committee on Finance.

3. That Decisions 1. 2 & 3 of Grand Master Wigmore's report; Clause 1 of Grand Master McAfee's report; be referred to the Committee on Legislation.

4. That Clauses 8 & 11 of the report of the Grand Secty. & Treas.; be referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

5. That Clause 4 of the Grand Secty. & Treas. report, be referred to the Committee on Returns.

Your Committee therefore submit the following, viz:

Resolved,—That the foregoing recommendations be adopted.

JAMES WOODYATT.
WM. BISSELL.

The following communication was read by the Grand Secretary, and on motion of Rep. Farmer Green, was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

To the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Canada, I. O. O. F.

The petition of the undersigned Members of a Lodge legally recognized by your Right Worthy Body, respectfully represents that it would be consistent with the advantage of the Order to establish a Subordinate, Lodge to be located in this place.

Wherefore your petitioners pray that a warrant may duly issue in pursuance of the laws of your Right Worthy Body.

Dated at London, Ontario this fifth day of August 1867.

HIRAM KORDES, J. J. DYAS,
D. McPHAIL, A. JOHNSON,
J. W. JONES, per J. J. Dyas. ANGUS GRANT, per J. J. Dyas.
J. G. DODD,

Rep. G. H. Marlatt, of St. Mary's Lodge, No. 36, submitted the following question, which was referred to the Committee on Legislation.

After a brother being twelve months in arrears of *dues*, and the Lodge grants 3 months longer for the same to be paid, and the same probably going on 2 years unpaid, then the Brother is willing to pay, but demurs at more than 12 months: Query—Can he demand it?

Rep. A. B. Graham, of Frontier Lodge 45, submitted the following question, which was referred to the same Committee:

Has the Noble Grand of a Lodge the power to grant sick benefits without a vote of the Lodge?

Rep. T. Healy, of Union Lodge No, 16, submitted the following question, which was referred to the same committee:

Is it legal to withdraw a proposition for membership after it is referred to a Committee on Character, before the report is submitted to the Lodge?

The accompanying communication was read by the Grand Secretary from Eureka Lodge No. 30, and was, on motion Rep. J. W. Ferguson, referred to a Special Committee, consisting of H. C, Bingham, P. G. M., Reps. T. Healy and T. T. Irving:

LONDON, July 29th, 1867.

To J. B. King, R. W. Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of C. W.:

DEAR SIR & BRO.,—At a regular communicaton of this Lodge, held on Tuesday, the 23d of July, 1867, Mr. Thomas Brown was reinstated a member of this Lodge, awaiting the sanction of the Grand Lodge of Canada West, which sanction will be applied for at the next session.

Yours in F. L. & T.,

JOHN ATKINS,
Rec. Secretary.

Rep. W. A. Glover, of Erie Lodge No. 33, submitted the following questions, which were referred to the Committee on Legislation:

1. Can honorary members be admitted, and if so, on what terms?
2. Has the N. G. of a Lodge a double vote in case of a tie, in the election of officers, or in any case?
3. After a Brother is taken sick, can he make himself good on the books by paying or sending his money to the Secretary before he is reported sick?
4. If a Brother is rejected for degrees, how soon can he apply again?
5. Should the Degree Master be elected the same as the other officers, or in the Degree Lodge?

Rep. C. E. Peirce, of Excelsior Lodge 44, submitted the following question, which was referred to the same committee:

When there are two or more Lodges in the same place or vicinity, and a rejection takes place in one Lodge, is it proper for the rejected candidate to be admitted into the other Lodge *after* six months, without reference being made to the Lodge in which the rejection took place?

By request of the Committee on Legislation, the M. W. Grand Master added the names of Reps. J. W. Ferguson, of Excelsior Lodge

No. 44, and James McIntyre, of Samaritan Lodge No. 35, to that committee.

The following communication was on motion of Rep. John Hunter, of Eureka Lodge, referred to the Committee on Laws of Subordinates:

J. B. King, Esq., R. W. Grand Secretary and Treasurer.

DEAR SIR & BRO.—Enclosed, please find revised and amended copy of By-laws for Forest City Lodge, which you will be kind enough to present before Grand Lodge for sanction and approval.

M. D. DAWSON,
E. BELTZ,
WM. BISSELL,
T. PARTRIDGE, } Representatives.

In order to allow the various committees time to prepare their reports, the Grand Lodge, on motion of H. C. Bingham, P. G. M., adjourned, to meet this evening at seven o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

The Grand Lodge was called to order at seven o'clock p. m., by the M. W. Grand Master. All the officers and a quorum of Representatives present.

Rep. M. D. Dawson, from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following report, which was, on motion of Grand Rep. James Smith, taken up clause by clause:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West, I. O. O. F.

We, your Committee on Finance, beg leave to submit the following report:

1. That we have examined the Grand Secretary and Treasurer's books, and compared the vouchers accompanying them, and find them correct.

2. We would strongly recommend that the amount of money subscribed for the relief of the Quebec sufferers, to which attention has been called by clauses in Grand Master and Grand Secretary's Reports, be at once refunded or sent to our suffering brethren in the Southern States, subject to the permission of the donors.

3. Clause No. 3 of Grand Master Wigmore's Report, referring to the sale of regalia to Chatham Lodge, we consider perfectly correct; and as said Lodge have made no appeal to this Grand Body for a reduction on the regalia, they must be satisfied with their bargain.

4. We are of opinion that Clause No. 2 of Grand Master McAfee's Report, recommending a salary for the Grand Secretary and Treasurer is a move in the right direction, and we would recommend that a sum be appropriated for that purpose.

We consider the suggestions in Clauses 1 and 6 of Grand Secretary's Report, referring to "Odd Fellows' Companion" and "Tract," published by order of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, advisable, and would recommend that the Grand Secretary be instructed to procure the same.

5. Your Committee would recommend the payment of the account of R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States.

In conclusion, your Committee are happy to find that the finances of the Grand Lodge are in such a healthy and prosperous condition, and that the books

and accounts of your Secretary and Treasurer have been kept in so creditable a manner. We think that the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due to that highly efficient officer.

Your Committee would therefore respectfully submit the following resolution:

Resolved,—That the foregoing report be adopted, and that the thanks of this Grand Lodge are hereby tendered to the Grand Secretary for his very faithful and efficient services during the past year.

M. D. DAWSON,
EDWIN CHALCRAFT,
FARMER GREEN.

Clauses 1, 2 and 3 were considered and adopted.

Grand Rep. James Smith moved to amend clause 4 by inserting the sum of fifty $50) dollars for services for the ensuing year, which was agreed to.

Clause 5 was adopted, and the report as amended was adopted.

Bro. P. G. Master James Woodyatt from the Committee on the State of the Order, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on the State of the Order beg to submit the following report on the matters submitted to them:

1. The late M. W. G. Master having, on the 3rd of April last, issued a warrant for opening a Lodge of our Order in the city of Hamilton, to be hailed as Unity Lodge Lodge No. 47, your Committee recommend that the action of the M. W. Grand Master be confirmed, and that a Charter be granted to said Lodge.

2. The late M. W. Grand Master, Richard Wigmore, Esq., having been compelled to resign his official position and sever his connection with the Order, your Committee recommend that the R. W. Grand Secretary be instructed to communicate to our M. W. Grand Master the deep regret the members of this Grand Lodge feel at being thus deprived of his valuable services, and inform him that this Lodge sympathizes with him in his compulsory separation from the Order.

3. Your Committee cannot recommend the adoption of the suggestion made by M. W. Grand Master, McAfee relative to representation in this Grand Lodge.

4. Your Committee highly approve of the Grand Secrtary's action in withholding the cards from the members of Long Point Lodge, as recommended last session, and suggest that, unless the funds divided amongst said members be refunded on or before next session of Grand Lodge, their names shall be published.

5. Your Committee cannot but remark on the flourishing state of the Order, as evinced by the statistical table submitted by the R. W. Grand Secretary, and earnestly hope that a like prosperity may attend the Order in coming and future years.

6. Your Committee cannot recommend the adoption of the suggestion of the Most Worthy Grand Sire, that the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge be extended over the Province of Canada East, as we deem that too great an extent of territory would be embraced thereby, causing great and unnecessary expense.

7. With regard to the petition from certain members, asking for a dispensation for a new Lodge to be opened in the City of London, your Committee recommend that no action be taken until the application be made in a proper manner by five Scarlet Degree Members holding withdrawal cards.

Your Committee therefore submit the following resolution:

Resolved,—That the above Report and recommendations be adopted.

JAMES WOODYATT,
C. E. PEIRCE,
T. PARTRIDGE,
JOHN HUNTER.

Rep. E. Beltz, submitted the following Report of the Committee on the Laws of Subordinates, which was, on motion of Rep. E. Chalcraft, adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West I. O. O. F.

We, your Committee on Laws of Subordinates, to whom was referred the Constitution and By-Laws of Unity Lodge No. 47, having examined the same, do report as follows :

That we find the Constitution and By-Laws of said Lodge to be in accordance with the Constitution of this Grand Lodge.

And, also, the amendments to the Constitution and By-laws of Forest City Lodge No. 38, having examined the same, we find them to be in accordance with the Constitution of this Grand Lodge.

We therefore beg leave to submit the following resolution :

Resolved,—That the Constitution and By-Laws of Unity Lodge, No. 47, and also the amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws of Forest City Lodge No. 38 be approved and adopted.

EDMUND BELTZ, GEORGE H. MARLATT,
ROBERT BARBOUR, JAMES McINTYRE,
J. W. FERGUSON, T. PARTRIDGE,
T. HEALY.

Rep. T. Partridge from the Committee on Credentials submitted the following Supplementary report, which was adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West, I. O. O. F. :

We, your Committee on Credentials, beg to report that we have examined the certificate of Past Grand Bro. John Smith and find it in due form, entitling him to a seat in this Grand Lodge, as the Representative of Unity Lodge, No. 47.

And we would therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved,—That the foregoing report be adopted, and the Brother named introduced and instructed in the Grand Lodge degree.

J. B. KING,
T. PARTRIDGE,
R. KIRKPATRICK,

On motion of Rep. T. Partridge the Grand Lodge adjourned at 7.30 P. M., in order that the Grand Lodge and its visitors might accept the kind invitation of Union Lodge to be present at the Welland House, to a dinner to be given in their honor.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at nine o'clock.

SECOND DAY.

Pursuant to adjournment, the R. W. Grand Lodge was called to order at nine o'clock a. m. Most Worthy Grand Master H. McAfee presiding. The roll of Officers and Representatives being called, the following answered to their names:

M. W. Grand Master, Henry McAfee : R. W. Deputy Grand Master, *pro tem.*, Thos. Partridge ; G. Rep. to G. L. U., S., Jas. Smith ; Grand Sec. & Treas., J. B. King ; Grand Guardian, A. Purves ; Grand Marshall, Wm. Mowatt.

And Reps. Isaac Smith, John Hunter, Robt. Kirkpatrick, James Heron, W. A. Glover, E. Chalcraft, G. H. Marlatt, Robt. Barbour, W.

Bissell, E. Beltz, M. D. Dawson, Thomas Partridge, T. T. Irving, C. B. Taylor, J. W. Ferguson, C. E. Pierce, A. B. Graham, Geo. Irwin, F. Green, John Smith.

Rep. R. Barbour, from the Committee on Laws of Subordinates and Legislation, submitted the following report, which was, on motion of Grand Rep. James Smith, taken up clause by clause:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West, I. O. O. F.

We, your Committee on Laws of Subordinates and Legislation, to whom was referred the following questions, beg to report as follows:

1. A Brother being in arrears for dues over twelve months: can the Lodge legally charge more than one year's dues, or the Brother claim as a right only to pay one year? Answer—He cannot claim as a right. The Lodge can compromise.

2. Frontier Lodge No. 45, of Windsor, would ask if a Noble Grand has power to grant sick benefits without a vote of the Lodge? Answer—Vote of Lodge must be had.

3. Is it legal to withdraw a proposition for membership after it is referred to a committee on character, before it is submitted to the Lodge? Answer—No.

4. When there are two or more Lodges in the same town or vicinity, and a rejection takes place in one Lodge, is it proper for the rejected candidate to be admitted in the other Lodge *after* six months, without reference being made to the Lodge in which the rejection took place? Answer—The Lodge first rejecting, should, as a courtesy, be consulted as to the propriety of receiving the candidate.

5. Are honorary members be admitted, and if so, on what terms? Answer—There should be no drones in the hive.

6. Has the Noble Grand a double vote in the case of a tie in the election of officers in any case? Answer—The Noble Grand has only a casting vote.

7. After a Brother is taken sick, can he make himself good on the books by paying, or sending his money to the Secretary before he is reported sick? Answer—No, for he inflicts an injury on the Lodge.

8. If a Brother is rejected for degrees, how soon can he apply again? Answer—The By-laws of the Lodge should state.

9. Should the Degree Master be elected the same as other officers, or in the Degree Lodge? Answer—The same as other officers.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ROBT. BARBOUR, G. H. MARLATT,
W. A. GLOVER, EDMUND BELTZ,
T. PARTRIDGE, J. W. FERGUSON.

Clause 1 considered and adopted.

Past Grand Master, H. C. Bingham, moved that Clause 2 be stricken out, and the following inserted:

"That the matter be governed entirely by the By-laws of the Subordinates," which was agreed to.

Clause 3 adopted.

Rep. E. Beltz, of Eureka Lodge No. 30, moved that Clause 4 be adopted.

Rep. J. Smith, of Unity Lodge No. 47, moved in amendment, that clause 4 be stricken out, which was not agreed to, and the clause was adopted.

Clauses 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 adopted, and the report, as amended, was adopted.

P. G. M., H. C. Bingham, from the Committee on Correspondence, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West I. O. O. F.

We, your Committee on Correspondence have examined the same, and find nothing of importance to submit to this Grand Body, as all communications have been attended to by the Secretary.

In the matter of collecting a report from the journals of the different State Grand Lodges, would submit as follows :—We deem some such report desirable, but it is impossible for any Committee during a short session like ours, to do justice to such, and we would advise that in the future the Grand Secretary who receives these journals during the year, and has time to review them carefully, should make out a brief report as possible of matters of general interest found in such journals.

Respectfully submitted,
H. C. BINGHAM,
C. B. TAYLOR,
W. A. GLOVER.

H. C. Bingham, P. G. M., from the Special Committee, appointed to consider the communication of Eureka Lodge, 30, submitted the following report, which was considered and adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West I. O. O. F.:

The Special Committee appointed to report upon the petition of Eureka Lodge No. 30, praying the sanction of this Grand Lodge in the matter of reinstating Mr. Thomas Brown, submit the following :

Mr. Brown had been expelled for contempt more than a year since ; he having been tried for insubordination and drunkenness while visiting Forest City Lodge, was found guilty of insubordination. He failed to appear either upon trial or to receive the reprimand from the Noble Grand when summoned. This reprimand being the penalty decided upon, he was then expelled for contempt.

Expulsion totally severs a man's connection with the Order, and he stands in a worse position than he ever did before initiation, and should certainly be subjected to the same ordeal before re-admission to the Lodge, and that is to an investigation and regular ballot.

Mr. Brown had not, as we are informed, even made the amend of an apology to Forest City Lodge, where the original offence was committed.

A reinstatement under the circumstances seems to us a gross trifling with the dignity and good sense of the Lodge which first sentenced him to a reprimand, and then to expulsion because he would not receive that reprimand.

We find that he has now been reinstated, simply by a vote of the Lodge, upon paying six months' arrears of dues.

Your Committee would recommend, that when Mr. Brown makes suitable apology to Forest City Lodge; pays up his full arrearages, and is submitted to the ordeal of a regular ballot, that this Grand Lodge will sanction his readmission.

Respectfully submitted.

H. C. BINGHAM,
T. HEALY,
GEO. IRWIN.

J. B. King, R. W. Grand Secretary and Treasurer, submitted the following preamble and resolution, which was seconded by Rep. M. D. Dawson, and adopted :

Whereas, the *American Odd Fellow*, edited and published in New York by Past Grand Master J. W. Orr, is the official organ of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States, and several State Grand Lodges, and

Whereas, it would be a benefit to the jurisdiction to have a monthly medium of communication between this Grand Lodge and its Subordinates, therefore be it

Resolved,—That the Right Worthy Grand Secretary be directed to contract with the publisher of the *American Odd Fellow*, for a copy of that magazine for

each Subordinate Lodge in this jurisdiction, and to pay for the same out of the funds of this Grand Lodge.

Resolved,—That the Right Worthy Grand Secretary be requested to communicate, through the columns of that journal, all matters of general local interest to the brethren in this jurisdiction.

On motion of Rep. Thos. Partridge, it was resolved that the election of officers for the ensuing year take place at a quarter to three o'clock this afternoon, immediately before the exemplification of the secret work.

Rep. J. W. Ferguson, from the Committee on Returns, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Returns having examined the returns of the varions Lodges, beg leave to report as follows:

1. The returns of Union Lodge No. 16, Eureka Lodge No. 30, Erie Lodge No. 33, St. Marys Lodge No. 36, Gore Lodge No. 34, Excelsior Lodge No. 44, we find correct.

2. The reports from the following Lodges we find incorrect in the items stated: Brock Lodge No. 9, as to number of members. They should report 57 members, whereas they only give 45.

3. Union Lodge No. 16, reports for December, 1866, and June, 1867, inasmuch as the names of members suspended are not given, nor the cause of suspension, they giving in figures 4 in each report.

4. Samaritan Lodge No. 35—Incorrect, in having paid Grand Lodge 50 cents too much, having charged themselves with $25 received for reinstatements, instead of $20, they being entitled to one-fifth of that amount on account of the Widow and Orphans' Fund.

5. Forest City Lodge No. 38—Incorrect in reporting one member too many.

6. Frontier Lodge No. 45—Incorrect in total membership, they reporting eleven members too many.

7. Mount Zion Lodge No. 46—Report one member less than they should do.

8. Unity Lodge No. 47—The report of this Lodge is incorrect, in not being signed by the Secretary and V. G., and is without a seal.

9. Avon Lodge No. 41—Report four members short.

Your Committee have had under consideration the form of return submitted by the Grand Secretary as a substitute for the one now in use, and have much pleasure in approving thereof, it being in our opinion an improvement on the old one, and its adoption by this Grand Lodge will simplify in a great measure the work of sub-Lodges in making their returns, and save the committees at Grand Lodges much trouble.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. W. FERGUSON,
A. B. GRAHAM,
JAMES CURLE,
J. B. KING.

Rep. J. W. Ferguson, submitted the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved,—That our Representative to G. L. U. S. be instructed to submit for the consideration of that body the propriety of an alteration in the name of that R W Grand Body from that of Grand Lodge of the United States to that of the R W. Grand Lodge of America.

Rep. James McIntyre, from the Committee on Mileage and per Diem, submitted the following Report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West, I. O. O. F.:

We, your Committee on Mileage and per Diem, beg to submit the following table and resolution :

Name of Lodge.	No.	No. of Miles Travelled	No. of Reps.	Rate per mile.	Amount of Mileage.	No. of Days.	Rate per Diem.	Total of Mileage and per Diem.
Brock	9	556	1	4 cts	$22 24	2	$2 00	$26 24
Union	16	.....	2	.....	.....	2	2 00	8 00
Chatham	29	344	1	.....	13 75	2	2 00	17 75
Eureka	30	216	3	.....	8 64	3	2 00	37 92
Erie	33	238	2	.....	9 60	2	2 00	27 20
Gore	34	136	1	.....	5 44	2	2 00	9 44
Samaritan	35	178	1	...	7 12	2	2 00	11 12
St. Marys	36	258	2	...	20 64	2	2 00	28 64
Forest City	38	216	4	.....	34 56	2	2 00	50 56
Avon	41	182	2	.....	14 56	2	2 00	22 56
Excelsior	44	128	2	.....	5 12	2	2 00	13 12
Frontier	45	436	2	.....	34 88	2	2 00	42 88
Mount Zion	46	288	1	.....	11 52	2	2 00	15 22
Unity	47	128	1	.....	5 12	2	2 00	9 12
Grand Officers Present.								
Grand Master	16	436	1	.....	17 44	2	2 00	21 44
Deputy Grand Master	45	216	1	.....	8 64	2	2 00	12 64
Grand Warden	38	556	1	.....	22 24	2	2 00	26 24
Grand Sec. and Treas.	30	136	1	.....	5 44	2	2 00	9 44
Grand Rep. to G. L. U. S.	38	216	1	.....	8 64	2	2 00	12 64
		4798	25		253 08			

The foregoing table is made at 4 cents per mile and $2 per diem for two days.

In conclusion, your Committee submit the following:

Resolved,—That the foregoing report be adopted, and that the Grand Master do issue orders on the Grand Treasurer in accordance therewith in favor of the Officers and Representatives.

JAMES McINTYRE,
JAMES HERON,
GEORGE IRWIN,
ISAAC SMITH,

Rep. T. T. Irving, of Avon Lodge 41, submitted the following:

Rep. Thos. T. Irving gives notice that, at the next regular meeting of this Grand Lodge, he will move that the name of this Lodge be changed to the Grand Lodge of Ontario.

Rep. M. D. Dawson, from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following supplementary report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Canada West I. O. O. F.

Your Committee on Finance would beg leave, as supplementary to their previous report, to state that they have examined the following accounts, viz: From G. M., for expenses incurred in visiting Subordinate Lodges, postage, &c., to the amount of $40.21½; also an account for $7 for expenses in transporting regalia of Rond Eau to Chatham Lodge, and find them correct, and recommend that the same be paid.

Yours in F., L. and T.,

M. D. DAWSON,
EDWIN CHALCRAFT,
FARMER GREEN.

Rep. C. H. Hankinson submitted the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved,—That the Executive Officers of this Lodge be instructed to take the necessary measures to secure the incorporation of our Order in this Province.

James Smith, R. W. Grand Representative, submitted the following:

Resolved,—That this R. W. Grand Lodge do procure the necessary regalia for its officers.

Rep. T. Irving, moved in amendment:

That, instead of procuring regalia, the surplus funds of this Grand Lodge be invested in Government bonds, the bonds of some chartered bank or some other reliable securities.

Which was resolved in the affirmative.

The resolution, as amended, was adopted.

P. G. M., H. C. Bingham, submitted the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved,—That the hearty thanks of the officers and members of this Grand Lodge are hereby tendered to Union Lodge for the courteous and sumptuous manner in which it has entertained this Grand Lodge and its distinguished visitors from the United States.

Rep. James McIntyre moved, that when this Lodge adjourn, it do so to meet in the town of Ingersoll on the first Wednesday in August, 1868.

Rep. W. A. Glover, moved in amendment, that the word Ingersoll be struck out, and Port Burwell inserted.

Rep. C. B. Taylor, moved in amendment to the amendment, that Ingersoll and Port Burwell be both left out, and Stratford inserted.

Rep. A. B. Graham moved to amend the amendment to the amendment, by striking out the names of the former towns, and inserting Windsor.

The amendments were all lost, and the original motion of Rep. J. McIntyre adopted.

James Smith, P. G. M., submitted the following resolution, which was decided in the negative:

Resolved,—That for the purpose of avoiding any difficulty in this Grand Lodge, the future mode of voting be by the Representatives arising to their feet, that the Grand Warden may be enabled to decide the votes more easily.

Rep. John Smith submitted the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved,—That the R. W. Grand Secretary be instructed in future to apply to the respective Railway and Steamboat Companies for half fares for Officers and Representatives travelling to attend the session of this Grand Lodge.

Rep. James McIntyre moved that the sum of three dollars be paid to Bro. McCallum for his services as Janitor during the present session, which was agreed to.

On motion of Rep. W. A. Glover, the Grand Lodge adjourned, to meet at a quarter to three this afternoon, as per previous resolution.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Lodge called to order by the M. W. Grand Master. Roll called, and all the Officers and Representatives present.

On motion of H. C. Bingham, P. G. M., the Grand Lodge closed in the Grand Lodge Degree, and opened in the Scarlet Degree to transact the balance of the business of the session.

The election of officers for the ensuing year being in order, the M. W. Grand Master appointed as Tellers: H. C. Bingham, P. G. M.; Rep. James Heron, and J. Taylor, Jr., Grand Warden.

P. G., A. B. Graham,	nominated	P. G., Henry McAfee,	for Grand Master.
" J. W. Ferguson,	"	" John Barr,	"
" C. E. Peirce,	nominated	P. G., W. A. Glover,	for D. Grand Master.
" E. Beltz,	"	" Robert Kirkpatrick,	"
" S. G. Dolson,	"	" John Barr,	"
" James Smith,	"	" Jas. McIntyre,	for Grand Warden.
" T. T. Irving,	"	" W. Mowatt,	"
" M. D. Dawson	"	" E. Beltz,	"
" E. Chalcraft,	"	J. B. King,	for Grand Sec. & Treas.
P. G. M., Jas. Smith,	"	" M. D. Dawson,	"
P. G., C. B. Taylor,	"	" William Mowatt,	"
P. G. M., H. C. Bingham,	"	P. G. M., Jas. Woodyatt,	for Rep. G.L.U.S.
P. G., T. Partridge,	"	" William Bissell,	"
P. G. M., J. D. Tait,	"	" S. G. Dolson,	"
P. G. M., S. G. Dolson,	"	" J. D. Tait,	"

Bros. S. G. Dolson and J. D. Tait declined the nomination, which closed the nominations.

The election resulted as follows:

Henry McAfee	M. W. Grand Master,	1st.	Ballot.
John Barr	R. W. Deputy G. Master,	1st.	"
Edmund Beltz	Grand Warden,	2d.	"
J. B. King	R. W. Grand Sec. and Treas.,	1st.	"
James Woodyatt	R. W. Grand Representative,	1st.	"

The Grand Sire, James P. Sanders, being present, proceeded to instal the officers elect into their respective positions.

P. G. Masters H. C. Bingham and James Smith introduced Henry McAfee M. W. Grand Master elect, who was duly obligated and conducted to his chair.

P. G. Masters S. G. Dolson and Wm. Bissell introduced P. G John Barr, R. W. Grand Master elect, who received the obligation of his office and was conducted to his chair.

P. G. Masters James Woodyatt and James D. Tait introduced P. G. Edmund Beltz, R. W. Grand Warden elect, who was duly installed in that office.

The same committee introduced J. B. King, R. W. Grand Secretary and Treasurer elect, who received the various obligations appertaining to those offices and was conducted to the chair of his office.

The M. W. Grand Master then made the following appointments:

Rep. Wm. Mowat.....Grand Conductor,
" James McIntyre.....Grand Marshall,
" W. A. Glover.....Grand Guardian,

who were duly installed. After which the Grand Lodge listened with marked attention to a few well-timed and happy remarks from the M. W. Grand Sire, who closed by giving a very lucid exemplification of the unwritten work.

On the recommendation of several Representatives, the following were appointed D. D. G. Ms. for the current year.

P. G.	John Taylor, Jr.	*Brock Lodge*	No.	9
"	A. Purves	*Union* "	"	16
"	Wm. Smith	*Chatham* "	"	29
"	James Heron	*Eureka* "	"	30
		Forest City	"	38
"	W. A. Glover	*Erie* "	"	33
"	C. D. Tufford, M. D	*Gore* "	"	34
"	Thomas Fletcher	*Samaritan*	"	35
"	George H. Marlatt	*St. Marys*	"	36
"	T. T. Irving	*Avon* "	"	41
"	J. W. Ferguson	*Excelsior* "	"	44
		Unity "	"	47
"	A. B. Graham	*Frontier* "	"	46
"	Wm. Irving	*Mt. Zion* "	"	46

On motion of P. G. M., H. C. Bingham, it was

Resolved,—That in future all the work appertaining to this Grand Lodge be transacted in the Grand Lodge Degree.

James Smith, P. G. Rep., submitted the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved,—That the cordial and heartfelt thanks of this R. W. Grand Lodge are hereby tendered to our Right Worthy Grand Sire, James P. Sanders, and to the distinguished members, G. Rep. James Terwilliger and G, Reps. J, White and P, G, Reps, Wm. H, Barnes, of the G. L. U. S.; also to P. C. P. Albert H King, of Baltimore, George M. Dewey, P. C. P. and P. G. M. John W. W. Orr and P. C. P. Robert Morrison, G. R. of the State of Michigan, for the kindness evinced by them in visiting this portion of the jurisdiction, under the kind and fostering care of the said R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States.

After which the M. W. Grand Sire and other distinguished visitors retired with the Grand Honors.

Rep. James Heron gave notice that, at the next session of this

Grand Lodge, he will move that for the future the appointed officers of the Lodge be paid mileage per Diem.

The business of the session being completed, the Grand Lodge closed, to meet in the town of Ingersoll on the first Wednesday in August, 1877.

J. B. KING,
Grand Secretary and Treasurer.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Abstract of the Semi-Annual Reports of the Subordinate Lodges, under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada West, for the year ending 30th June, 1867.

LODGE.	No.	Initiated.	Admitted by Card.	Reinstated.	Rejected.	Expelled.	Deaths.	Members in arrears not suspended.	Suspended.	Ceased for N. P. D.	Contribut'g Members	Degrees Conferred.	Brothers Relieved.	Widows Relieved.	Withdrawn by Card.	Paid for Relief of Brothers.	Paid for Relief of Widowed Families.	Burying the Dead.	Total Relief.	Amount of Annual Receipts.	Widow and Orphan Fund.	General Fund.	Am't of Percentage.
Brock	9	13	..	1	..	..	..	....	..	....	45	31	1	3	..	$20 00	$ 80 00	.....	$100 00	$325 65	$1554 53	$300 00	$28 05
Union	16	12	....	1	4	..	1	16	..	..	81	63	5	5	2	80 00	111 00	.....	191 00	780 10	2648 74	1082 07	67 51
Chatham	29	13	..	1	3	..	..	12	..	3	40	20	2	..	2	27 00	.....	.....	27 00	288 08	534 54	110 30	25 28
Eureka	30	35	2	..	8	..	....	5	3	7	122	60	2	1	5	244 00	70 00	$20 00	414 00	1066 22	1343 39	1271 98	92 36
Erie	33	22	..	..	1	..	..	17	3	2	69	65	5	1	1	54 00	.....	28 00	82 00	202 51	136 00	1187 00	56 06
Gore	34	8	8	..	1	..	....	....	1	..	45	21	4	..	1	18 00	.....	.....	18 00	400 13	1010 76	311 35	34 79
Samaritan	35	24	..	5	6	..	....	1	..	3	48	55	2	..	..	5 00	20 00	.....	25 00	423 27	576 22	422 45	42 26
St. Mary's	36	13	2	..	1	..	..	4	..	1	53	67	4	..	1	22 00	.....	.....	22 00	435 50	1090 00	1104 72	38 30
Forest City	38	46	..	2	3	..	..	21	..	10	155	79	38	..	3	247 00	.....	30 00	277 00	1314 27	957 49	2742 49	113 83
Avon	41	26	3	2	3	2	..	2	7	4	51	69	.	..	1	6 00	.....	.....	6 00	425 37	350 00	102 00	38 61
Excelsior	44	35	2	..	3	....	..	16	1	..	82	130	4	2	8	22 00	40 00	.....	62 00	837 32	132 47	420 47	77 05
Frontier	45	16	1	..	1	..	..	25	3	..	85	56	11	4	3	68 00	80 00	.....	148 00	692 35	139 90	500 00	59 36
Mount Zion	46	10	..	..	1	..	..	5	1	..	17	23	1	..	3	10 00	.....	.....	10 00	213 46	31 42	220 00	19 23
Unity	47	14	6	..	..	..	....	....	....	..	20	11	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	131 00	5 00	.....	12 60
		287	24	12	35	2	1	124	19	30	907	750	79	16	30	823 00	401 00	78 00	1382 00	7635 13	10510 46	9774 83	705 29

Fourteenth Annual Communication,

HELD AT THE

TOWN OF INGERSOLL, ONTARIO, AUGUST 5TH AND 6TH, 1868.

INGERSOLL, August 5th, 1878.

Samaritan Lodge having assembled, the R. W. Grand Lodge was introduced by Grand Conductor *(pro tem)* Jas. McIntyre, and was received by the N. G., in a few happy remarks, who tendered the Grand Lodge the free use of their fine Hall and Committee Rooms, and also extended an invitation for the Grand Lodge to become the guests of Samaritan Lodge at a Dinner to be given at the Royal Hotel, that evening. The M. W. Grand Master on behalf of the Grand Lodge accepted both.

The M. W. Grand Master having taken the chair, called the Grand Lodge to order, and the Grand Warden having examined those present, by direction of the Grand Master, declared the Grand Lodge opened in the Grand Lodge Degree.

The Roll of Officers being called, the following were present:

HENRY McAFEE	*M. W.*	*Grand*	*Master.*
EDMUND BELTZ	*R. W.*	"	*Warden.*
J. B. KING	"	"	*Sec'y and Treas.*
JAS. WOODYATT	"	"	*Rep. to G. L. U. S.*
WM. MOWATT	"	"	*Conductor.*
JAS. McINTYRE	"	"	*Marshal.*

Also a quorum of Representatives.

The Chair appointed the following Committee on Credentials, viz:

Reps. J. W. Ferguson, Thomas Partridge, and Grand Sec'y and Treas., J. B. King.

Rep. J. W. Ferguson from the Committee on Credentials submitted the following Report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

We, your Committee on Credentials, having examined the Certificates of the

following named Past Grands find them in due form, entitling them to seats in this Grand Lodge as Representatives of the several Lodges named, viz. :

P. G. JOHN WRIGHT	Rep. *Brock*	Lodge,	No.	9
" S. G. DOLSON	" *Union*	"	"	16
" GEO. WALES				
" JAS. BIRD				
" ISAAC SMITH	" *Chatham*	"	"	29
" ROBT. KIRKPATRICK	" *Eureka*	"	"	30
" H. G. ABBOTT				
" W. A. MOORE	" *Erie*	"	"	33
" JOHN McMATH				
" JOHN NOBLE	" *Gore*	"	"	34
" H. C. BINGHAM				
" GEO. DENNIS	" *Samaritan*	"	"	35
" W. C. BELL				
" ROBT. BARBOUR	" *St. Marys*	"	"	36
" W. N. FORD				
" R. J. C. DAWSON	" *Forest City*	"	"	38
" THOS. PARTRIDGE				
" WM. BISSELL				
" HENRY GIBSON	" *Avon*	"	"	41
" THOS. HENDERSON				
" J. W. FERGUSON	" *Excelsior*	"	"	44
" C. E. PEIRCE				
" J. H. STEWART	" *Frontier*	"	"	45
" WM. McGREGOR				
" GEORGE IRWIN				
" JAMES SMITH	" *Unity*	"	"	47
" J. J. DYAS	" *Dominion*	"	"	48
" J. J. DODD				
" MICHAEL BLUME	" *Canada*	"	"	49
" J. C. LINDOP	" *Otter*	"	"	50

Your Committee would recommend their admission to this Grand Lodge as Representatives of the Lodges named. We would recommend that those Representatives and Past Grands who have not received the Grand Lodge Degree, be instructed therein by the Grand Warden, in the ante-room.

We also find the Certificates of the following Past Grands in due form, entitling them to seats in this Grand Lodge, viz :

P. G., C. H. CLEMENT	*Gore Lodge No.* 34.
" THOS. FLETCHER	*Samaritan Lodge No.* 35.
" A. N. CHRISTOPHER	
" WM. SPRINGER	

We therefore submit the following :

Resolved,—That the above Report be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. FERGUSON,
T. PARTRIDGE,
J. B. KING.

The chair then named the following Standing Committees :

On Distribution.—Reps. S. G. Dolson, W. Bissell, W. C. Bell, H. C. Bingham, Robert Kirkpatrick.

On Correspondence.—Reps. M. D. Dawson, John Gibson, J. H. Stewart, George Dennis, W. N. Ford.

On Returns.—Reps. Thos. Partridge, John Wright, W. A. Moore, Isaac Smith, J. L. Bird.

On State of the Order.—P. G. Masters S. G. Dolson, H. C. Bingham ; Reps. J. W. Ferguson, George Irwin, G. Powell.

On Finance.—Reps. George Wales, R. F. Barbour, J. J. Dyas, J. C. Lindop, John McMath.

On Mileage and Per Diem.—Reps. John Wright, J. Dodd, H. .G Abbott, John Noble, Thomas Henderson.

On Laws of Subordinates.—Reps. C. E. Peirce, William McGregor, William Smith, W. C. Bell, M. Blume.

On Appeals.—Reps. H. C. Bingham, John Smith, R. J. C. Dawson, Robert Kirkpatrick, G. E. Ward.

The M. W. Grand Master then read his Annual Address and Report, which, on motion of James Smith, P. G. M., was referred to the Committee on Distribution:

GRAND MASTER'S REPORT.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:

Representatives, Officers and Brothers,—We have again met in Annual Session to legislate for the welfare of our noble Order, and in accordance with a time-honored custom it becomes my pleasing duty as Grand Master to submit to you a report of my official acts during the past year.

Brothers, the past official year has indeed been one of marked prosperity to Odd Fellowship, not only in this, but in every jurisdiction of our neighboring Republic. Never since our Order was started on its hallowed mission of Friendship, Love and Truth, have we had greater cause to lift up, one and all, our hearts and voices in praise and thanksgiving to our Supreme Grand Master, the Creator and Preserver of the Universe, for the manifold evidences of His approval of our humble efforts in the great cause of the Brotherhood of man, and elevation of the human character. The most convincing evidence of the prosperity of the Order for the past year, is the increased representation from all of the new Lodges.

Brothers, one and all, I am happy to meet you, and I earnestly hope that your deliberations at this session will be fraught with much good for the increased usefulness and prosperity of our noble Order in this jurisdiction.

I will now proceed to give you in detail a history of my official doings during the past year, and should errors or omissions be discovered therein, attribute them to the head, and not to the heart, as all my acts were intended for the best.

1. In accordance with a resolution of the Grand Lodge at the last Session, (see page 430), wherein the Executive Officers of the Grand Lodge were instructed to take the requisite measures to secure an Act of Incorporation for the Order in this Province, I have to report that every means deemed necessary was tried to accomplish that purpose, for the particulars of which I beg leave to refer you to the communications from and by the Grand Secretary and Treasurer, which are herewith submitted, as nearly all the work in this matter was done by that efficient officer, and submitted to me for my approval from time to time. I have to add that all that was done by him had my hearty approval, and I only regret that we failed for the time being in securing for our Order the Act applied for. This lack of success was not from any factious opposition to our Order, for I happened very opportunely to be in Toronto in January last, and in company with the Grand Secretary and Treasurer, and other distinguished members of our Order, was introduced to many members of the Legislature on both sides of the House, and I did not find one solitary member oppose our

measure on principle. From conversation with many of them on the subject of incorporation, I have grounds to hope that if the application is renewed, it will be more fortunate at some future Session.

2. Early in the year, an application in proper form, accompanied with the withdrawal cards of the Constitutional number of brothers, was forwarded to me by the Grand Secretary, for a new Lodge to be located in the city of London. As there were already two good working Lodges in that city, before granting the prayer of the petitioners, I wrote to those Lodges, asking them if the interests of our Order would be subserved, and if the project had their approval. On receiving their reply in the affirmative, on Wednesday evening, September 18th last, with the assistance of brothers of the other London Lodges, I instituted Dominion Lodge No. 48, and installed the officers; after which, the Secretary of Forest City Lodge rose in his place and addressed the Noble Grand of the new Lodge, stating that as all the brothers constituting the Charter members were from Forest City Lodge, he was instructed to make known to the new Lodge their appreciation of their efforts in extending the cause of Odd Fellowship in the city of London, and on behalf of the parent Lodge presented to them a cheque for fifty dollars donated by Forest City Lodge to its offspring, Dominion. This was genuine Odd Fellowship; and is it to be wondered that a Lodge starting under such favorable auspices is now on a par with her elder sisters in correct working? To the brethren of Dominion Lodge I was under many obligations at that time, and since, for their hospitable and brotherly treatment whenever I have visited them.

Brock Lodge No. 6, the oldest of our Lodges, being as it were isolated on account of its location, I was very anxious to be able to visit. Much to my gratification, the desired opportunity offered, and on the evening of Saturday, November 23rd last, I had the pleasure of meeting with the brothers of that Lodge at a special meeting, in their beautiful Hall in the town of Brockville. It is hardly necessary to add that the brethren, one and all, entertained me in the most hospitable and agreeable manner, and my visit to them will not soon be forgotten. On my return from business at Ottawa I again met them on Tuesday evening, their regular night of meeting. Upon this occasion I witnessed an initiation in the Ancient form. At the proper time I gave the Lodge such instruction in the work as I trust will be beneficial and profitable, and which I believe was well received. They are a noble band of brothers there, and I can assure you that the Order has not degenerated in that isolated locality.

On Thursday evening, November 23rd, I had the pleasure of visiting officially Excelsior Lodge No. 44, at Hamilton, and they are, I am pleased to say, as their name indicates, *excelsior* in doing their work. I expected this from them, it being the Lodge of my respected colleague, R. W. Deputy Grand Master Barr, also of my respected brother, D. D. Grand Master Ferguson. Excelsior Lodge has fitted up her hall in a style which is a credit to them and the Order in Hamilton.

On Wednesday evening, the 20th, I had the pleasure of visiting Dominion Lodge in London, and was very much pleased with the progress made, and the thorough manner in which Lodge business was disposed of. On Friday evening, the 29th, I visited Avon Lodge No. 41, at Stratford, supposing it to be their regular night of meeting, as it is so laid down in the Grand Lodge proceedings of last session; unfortunately it being St. Andrew's eve, and a fearful snow storm prevailing,

only a few of the brothers were out at the special meeting called for the occasion. I left the brothers of Avon Lodge next day, hoping to be able to visit them at some future time on their regular meeting night, but I am sorry to say I have not been so privileged.

Monday evening, January 6th, 1868, I was present officially and installed the officers of Forest City Lodge, No. 38, in London; and on Tuesday evening the 7th, had the pleasure of visiting and installing the officers of Eureka Lodge, No. 30, in London. It is hardly necessary for me to add that Lodge business in both of those Lodges is done correctly. On Wednesday evening the 8th, I officially visited and installed the officers of Unity Lodge, No. 47, at Hamilton. This being a new Lodge I was pleased to have the privilege of being with them on that occasion, and regretted very much that I had not the assistance of D. D. G. M., Bro. J. W. Ferguson, who was so seriously indisposed as to be unable to leave his room. I had expected the pleasure of meeting Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Barr, to assist me, but a prior engagement on his part prevented. Unity Lodge at that time was not progressing as rapidly as her elder sister, but since then, I learn, is mak'ng great efforts to outstrip her. May nothing ever exist between them but a generous and healthy rivalry to see who will do most in the cause of genuine Odd Fellowship, in the interesting field which they occupy.

Thursday evening, the 9th, I had the pleasure of visiting officially Gore Lodge No. 34, at Brantford. A candidate was initiated, and seldom, indeed, have I ever seen the whole ceremony so well performed. Every officer had his charge perfect, and rendered it well. It was a pleasure to me to see it so remarkably well done, though it could hardly have been otherwise, as this is the Lodge of Brothers Bingham, Woodyatt, and King, three of the lights of our beloved Order in this jurisdiction. I need hardly add that I was handsomely and hospitably entertained during my stay amongst the Brantford Brothers.

3. And now, Brothers, I come to the most interesting episode in my official career. I had often looked with longing eyes to the city of Toronto as a vast field ready for the laborers in Odd Fellowship, and to this end had been using every effort to have a Lodge established there. I am pleased to say that with the support and co-operation of Brothers John J. Ramsay, William R. Roberts, and M. Blume, who had located there some time previously, I succeeded, and on Tuesday evening, January 14th, Odd Fellowship, which had slumbered in Toronto for over a score of years, was again awakened, and as I believe and hope was awakened never again to sleep until time shall be no more. On the evening named, with the assistance and co-operation of Deputy Grand Master Barr, Grand Sec. and Treas. King, P. G. M. Bingham, P. G. Secretary Reid, D. D. G. M. Purvis, P. G. Wales, P. G. M. Bissell, P. D. G. M. Brown, and Bros. Thorburn and Blanning, representing Gore, Union, Eureka, Forest City, Excelsior, and Frontier Lodges —the petitions and cards having been placed in my hands—I proceeded to institute Canada Lodge No. 49, in one of the Orange Halls of the city. The Lodge was duly instituted, officers installed, and a number of candidates initiated, and the Brothers of the new Lodge were started on their career of usefulness by words of encouragement from all. It affords me much pleasure to add that Canada Lodge now meets in the Hall of the Manchester Unity Lodges, and that she is prospering as well as we had reason to hope. I have had the pleasure of visiting

with them several times since, and to assist at initiations and in Degrees.

At the last session of this Grand Lodge, arrangements were made by some of the Lodges to secure the services of Past Grand Master Barnes as a Lecturer. I am happy to report the success of the efforts both on the part of the Lodges who secured him, and on the part of the Lecturer; and I believe the success he met with in Windsor, London, St. Catharines, Hamilton, Chatham, and Brockville, warrants me in attributing to his talent and tact very much of the interest taken in the Order in those localities. It gives me pleasure to know that he is again with us in Grand Lodge, ready and willing to encourage us by his presence, and to aid us with his counsel and instruction.

On Tuesday, the 25th. I visited St. Marys, where I had the pleasure of meeting officially in the Lodge a large turn out of the brethren of St. Marys, in their own handsome and commodious Hall. After Lodge business was disposed of, I was escorted by the brothers to the hotel, where I was kindly and hospitably entertained; after which we separated, all hoping for the pleasure of meeting again on some future occasion.

4. Having received a petition and withdrawal cards from the Constitutional number of brothers to form a Lodge at Tilsonburg, in the County of Oxford, I proceeded there in company with D. D. Grand Master Fletcher, of Samaritan Lodge, and Bro. Simons, of same Lodge; and on Monday, March 16th, instituted Otter Lodge No. 50, under very favorable and flattering auspices, and installed the officers, after which fifteen candidates were duly admitted into the Lodge. This Lodge rather took me by surprise (very agreeably, I must confess), for I had not anticipated so many in numbers or so much intelligence. I am convinced that Otter Lodge will take high rank among her elder sisters in the great mission of Odd Fellowship,, and will, I trust, do much good in that section.

Wednesday evening, April 15th, I visited officially Samaritan Lodge No. 35, at Ingersoll. This Lodge, I am happy to say, is rapidly progressing, adding to her membership some of the best men in the community. You are now their guests, and can judge for yourselves of their zeal and ability.

On Tuesday evening, June 9th, in company with fourteen of the Brothers of Frontier Lodge No. 45, I visited officially Chatham Lodge No. 29. There was a full turn-out of the Chatham brethren, and a highly interesting and pleasant meeting, as the Chatham brethren are proverbial for their large hearted hospitality. I need hardly add that we were sumptuously entertained.

On Wednesday evening, June 24th, I visited Mount Zion Lodge No. 46, at Newbury. This Lodge is small in numbers, but what she lacks in that respect is, I believe, fully made up in the zeal and energy of the few good and true Odd Fellows of which she is composed; and if the same spirit prevails as was manifested on my visit, she must prosper.

5. In looking over our jurisdiction, it seems to me there should be a special effort made to extend our influence, especially east of Toronto, by the institution of New Lodges, and would call your attention to the necessity for measures to accomplish these ends.

6. On Monday evening, July 6th, I again visited and installed the officers of Canada Lodge No. 49, in Toronto, but I am grieved to add that for a short time previous a feeling had prevailed which was pre-

judicial to the best interests of the Lodge, and which resulted that evening in several of the officers elect refusing to be installed. A new election was resorted to, and after the installation seven members asked for and were granted withdrawal cards, amongst them the retiring Noble Grand, Brother Ramsay, and the retiring Secretary, who was V. G. elect. I regretted this action very much, and used all my persuasive powers to prevent it, but in vain.

7. Representatives, I would recommend that Charters and Working Books be given to each of the new Lodges previously named, for the sum of Thirty Dollars each, as I had told them all that was the amount they would be charged.

Brothers, I have much pleasure in stating that but very few questions of a legislative character have been submitted to me during the year, which I take to be a plain indication of harmony and uniformity in the working of our Lodges. I have visited all of the Lodges but two in the jurisdiction, some of them twice, and many three times in the past year, and I congratulate each and all upon their correct manner of working, and the punctuality and dispatch of Lodge business; and without undue boasting, I believe our Lodges will compare favorably with older and more favored jurisdictions.

8, 9, 10. Under date of October 10th, 1867, D. D. Grand Master Ferguson wrote me that the custom prevailed in Excelsior Lodge of members vouching for brothers without the term password, and in arrears sufficient to disqualify them from receiving it, and asking my decision. My decision was, "That a brother in arrears sufficient to disqualify him from receiving the term password cannot be admitted to the Lodge. See Digest, page 11, section 4, Arrears." And that Excelsior Lodge voting to admit a member in arrears, after being so refused admittance by order of the N. G., was illegal. Bro. Ferguson also asked, "Should the candidate be put in possession of the P. W. before retiring, to work his way in?" Answer,—"Before retiring."

11. D. D. G. M. Purvis, of Union Lodge, asks: "In opening the Lodge, does the Warden receive the Password or Explanation, or both?" My reply was, that the Password was all that was required of Brothers to be given to the Warden prior to opening.

12-13. Chatham Lodge No. 26 asks, under date of May 28, as follows: "Charges having been preferred by one Past Grand against another Past Grand for slander; if there are not sufficient P. G.'s in good standing to form the required Committee, is it legal to put Scarlet Degree members on said Committee?" Answer,—"Yes, if there are not five qualified brothers, the peers of the accused." An appeal has been taken by Bro. Thomas Lawless, of Excelsior Lodge, against the action of said Lodge and of D. D. G. M., Bro. Ferguson. The appeal is herewith submitted without comment, marked C.

14. I have received reports from the following District Deputy Grand Masters, all of which are highly encouraging, and show a marked degree of prosperity and correct working of their respective Lodges, viz.: District Deputy Grand Masters Taylor, of Brock No. 9; Purvis, of Union 16; Smith, of Chatham 29; Heron, for Eureka 30, Forest City 38, and Dominion 48, of London; C. D. Tufford, of Gore 34; Fletcher, of Samaritan 35; Marlatt, of St. Marys 36; Ferguson, for Excelsior 44, and Unity 47, of Hamilton, which are herewith submitted.

15. Brothers, I believe the time has arrived when this Grand Lodge has abundant means to provide her officers and representatives with

the Regalia and Jewels of their respective offices, and I think it is imperative on this Grand Lodge to do so. See Digest page 76, section 10. I would therefore recommend that a committee be appointed to procure for the Grand Officers the proper and appropriate Regalia and Jewels, and a sufficient number of Past Grands' sashes and aprons for the use of the Representatives.

16. I would also recommend for your earnest consideration the expediency of reviving the separate office of Grand Treasurer in this Grand Lodge, as I believe such an officer did once exist here. I fail to see the policy or economy of merging the offices of Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer in one incumbent; I think it extremely injudicious, and should be abolished.

17. I believe the time has arrived when this jurisdiction is entitled to an additional representative in the Supreme Grand Lodge. If such is the fact, which you will learn from the Report of the R. W. Grand Secretary and Treasurer, you will have the right to elect an additional representative to that R. W. Grand Body at your present session should you so elect. This fact in itself is an evidence of the increased prosperity and progress of our beloved Order in the year just closed.

18. I would respectfully recommend that such changes be made in the Constitution of Subordinates as will allow the admission of members with unexpired Withdrawal Cards over the prescribed age of 50 years. As the Constitution now stands, there is no provision for this class of members. Allow me to add that in my judgment many healthy changes might be made in Constitution, and to this end I would earnestly recommend that a Committee of revision be appointed to meet in the recess, and report at the next Grand Lodge Session.

19. In consequence of a geographical change in the name of this Province, and the legislation of the Grand Lodge of the United States, you will be required to make such changes in the Constitution, Charters, Seal, &c., as will conform to such change.

20. On the 28th July, I received from five Brothers, Scarlet members of Canada Lodge No. 49, cf Toronto, their withdrawal Cards and petition to institute another Lodge in the city of Toronto. I forwarded the same to the Grand Secretary and Treasurer, Bro. King, requesting him to make out a dispensation, sign my name to it, and forward the same to Deputy Grand Master Barr, with commission and instructions to proceed to Toronto and institute the new Lodge. I received a letter from the Grand Secretary stating that I must have overlooked that provision in our Constitution requiring ten applicants for a new Lodge in a locality where one already existed. I regretted this very much as Canada Lodge had granted in my presence their full sanction to the instituting of the contemplated new Lodge. And although it was not altogether with my approval, yet as the field is very large in the city of Toronto, I believe that eventually it will be productive of good, and I would recommend that such action be taken as will be requisite to institute another Lodge in that city.

21. Brothers, we have in our jurisdiction four Lodges of the Canadian Order of the Manchester Unity, two in Toronto and two in Hamilton, and as they are isolated and cannot affiliate with us, would it not be wise in us, being the stronger, to extend the right hand of fellowship and invite them in the name of F. L. T. to come into our fold ?—It certainly would be for their benefit and interest to do so. The recent action in Australia should afford us encouragement to make an effort.

I cannot close this report without here publicly returning my sincere and heartfelt thanks to your efficient and obliging Grand Secretary and Treasurer, Bro. J. B. King, to whom I am under many obligations for his prompt and business-like manner in performing the duties of his office.

Officers and Representatives, allow me here to present a synopsis of the work of our Order in this jurisdiction for the past year, referring you to the Report of the Grand Secretary and Treasurer for the same in detail, viz:

Whole number of members, June 30th, 1867		1050
Initiated during the year	405	
Admitted by Card	18	
Reinstated	7	
		430
Withdrawn by Card	44	
Ceased to be members by N. P. D	11	
Deaths	7	
		62
Increase		368
Total contributing members in good standing		1137

showing an increase of over 33 per cent. on last report.

The annual receipts of Subordinates for the year was nearly	$10 000
Widow and Orphan Fund on hand amounts to nearly	10 000
General Fund	15 000

Who can say after this exhibit that our noble Order is not progressing in this jurisdiction? And I trust this is only the beginning of what we may soon expect if we are true to the teachings and principles which we all profess.

In conclusion, Brothers, permit me to congratulate you on the very prosperous condition of our beloved Order in our jurisdiction; and return to you one and all my heartfelt thanks for the confidence reposed to me at all times since my first connexion with this Grand Lodge. Commending you one and all to the favor and protection of our Father above.

Respectfully submitted in F. L. & T.,
HENRY McAFEE,
Grand Master.

The Grand Secretary and Treasurer then submitted his Annual Report, with statement of receipts and expenses for the past year, which was on motion of Rep. T. Partridge referred to the Committee on destribution.

GRAND SECRETARY AND TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the M. W. Grand Master, Officers and Representatives.

Brothers,—Once again, after the lapse of another eventful year, have we been permitted by the great and All-wise Grand Master of the Universe to assemble in Grand Lodge, to hear accounts of the progress we have made during the year, and to legislate for the good of the Order. With the close of the fiscal year, devolves upon me again the duty of rendering an account of my stewardship.

The duties specially assigned me, by resolutions adopted at the last session, have been attended to as far as practicable.

Immediately after the close of the session I received tenders for printing the Journal of 1867. The *Courier* being the lowest, I accepted, and with all despatch I compiled the Minutes, and had printed (300) three hundred copies, sending copies to each Lodge, Officer, Past Officer, and Representative of this Grand Lodge, and to each Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment in the United States.

In accordance with the resolution of Rep. C. H. Hankinson on page 287 of Journal, I had inserted in the Ottawa *Gazette*, Essex *Record*, and Brant *Expositor*, the proper notice of our intention to apply to the Legislature of Ontario for an Act of Incorporation for our Order, which application was duly made. The result will be communicated to you hereafter.

The resolution authorizing a letter of condolence and sympathy to our late M. W. Grand Master, Bro. R. Wigmore, on account of his being compelled by a Provincial law to resign his position in the Order, has been complied with.

In accordance with the resolution of Rep. Smith of No. 47, page 287, Journal 1867, I wrote to the Managers of the Grand Trunk and Great Western Railways, asking them to grant free return tickets to all Officers, Representatives and Past Grands who may attend the session of this Grand Lodge at Ingersoll, on the 5th August. 1868. The Great Western, with its accustomed liberality, at once acceded to the request, and instructed me to have printed a form of certificate, one to be given to each member here, entitling him to a free return ticket. The Grand Trunk did not grant the request, inasmuch as the distance to be traveled by representatives was so short.

The resolution instructing me to correspond with the several Lodges which contributed to the relief of the Quebec sufferers, with a view to ascertain what disposition each Lodge wished to have made of the amount they subscribed, has been complied with. Union Lodge No. 16, Eureka Lodge No. 30, and Avon Lodge No. 41, ordered the amount subscribed by them to be returned to them, in all $22; while Brock No. 9, Gore 34, Excelsior 44, Samaritan 35, St. Mary's 36, Frontier 45, and Mount Zion 46, instructed me to send the amounts donated by them to the Southern Relief Fund. I accordingly sent to Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, Jas. L. Ridgely, a draft for $80.25 gold, as a donation from the Lodges in Ontario to the Southern Relief Fund, the receipt of which has been duly acknowledged.

1. Agreeably to resolution on page 284, Journal, I instructed Bro. J. W. Orr, publisher of the *American Odd Fellow*, to send one copy of his magazine to each Lodge in this jurisdiction. In view of the efforts put forth by Bro. Orr for the advancement of our Order and the principles it teaches, I would respectfully recommend that the subscription be renewed.

2. With regard to the resolution instructing the Grand Officers to invest the surplus fund of this Grand Lodge, I would say, that not knowing what amount would be required to secure the Act of Incorporation applied for, we could not tell what amount there would be left to invest.

Immediately after the close of the session I forwarded to D. D. G. M., James Heron, London, the resolution of the committee relative to

the admission of P. G. Thomas Brown, of Eureka Lodge, and in due course received a reply that the same had been complied with.

On the 25th of December I received from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Colorado an order for ten blank Charters, which were at once forwarded, and the receipt thereof duly acknowledged.

3. While in Toronto, on the 14th January, 1868, assisting at the institution of Canada Lodge, I met a brother, James George, formerly a member of Home Lodge of that city, who delivered to me the minute and other books of that Lodge, which had been in his keeping since the Lodge became defunct.

4. Bro. J. C. Lindop, once a member of the late Elgin Lodge, St. Thomas, wishing to become a member of Samaritan Lodge, with a view to being one of the charter members of Otter Lodge, and having no card, applied to this Grand Lodge for one. By direction of the M. W. Grand Master, a card was given him, it having been clearly established that he was not one of those brethren who took part in the proceedings which caused the dissolution of late Elgin Lodge.

5. On the 10th February, Grand Rep., Bro. James Woodyatt, received a telegram from Toronto, stating that our Act of Incorporation was meeting strong opposition, requesting him to show the message to me, and for both of us to come immediately to Toronto to look after our interest. I telegraphed the M. W. Grand Master for instructions, who at once replied, deputizing Bro. James Woodyatt and myself to go at once to Toronto and use our utmost exertions to secure the passage of the Act. We did so, but without success. (A report of this deputation will supplement this report—marked B.)

6. Mr. Charles Foster, of the city of Hamilton, represented that he was a member in good standing in late Victoria Lodge, at Caledonia, when it became defunct, and requested a Card of Clearance. Not having any of the records of that Lodge, and no other satisfactory evidence, the request was not granted.

7. I received on the 5th June a number of circulars from the Secretary of Walker Lodge No. 19, of Huntsville, Texas, setting forth their misfortune in having their hall and effects destroyed by fire, and asking a donation from the several Lodges in this jurisdiction. By direction of the Grand Master, I sent one circular to each Lodge in this jurisdiction. The following is the result, viz: Gore Lodge 34, $6; Chatham Lodge 29, $4; Frontier Lodge 45, $5, U. S. currency.

8. The Constitution and By-laws of Dominion Lodge No. 48, Canada Lodge No. 49, and Otter Lodge No. 50, are herewith submitted.

9. Application has been frequently made to me for a copy of our Constitution, together with the Constitution and Rules of Order as laid down for Subordinate Lodges. The supply printed in the first Journal of Proceedings is now exhausted; and with a view to having a new edition printed, I have compiled the amendments which have been adopted from time to time, and would suggest that a number be printed.

10. Though I have written to one or two Lodges, and given them the amendment to our Constitution relative to the amount of contributions to be set apart for the W. & O. Fund, I find they persist in adhering to the original law, and place one-third instead of one-fifth to the credit of that fund.

11. As a matter of convenience and reference, I would suggest that your Grand Secretary be instructed to procure a book in which to reg-

ister the names of all Past Grands whose certificates shall have been sent in to this Grand Lodge.

12. The financial statement for the year ending 30th June, is substantially as follows:

Dr.

To balance on hand, per last Report	$1304 08	
" Amount received during the year	1141 22	
Total,		$2445 30

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By paid Mileage and Per Diem, session of 1867	$ 977 71
Balance on hand, June 30th, 1868,	1467 59
	$2445 30

The details of the above are as follows:

J. B. KING, GRAND SECRETARY AND TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE R. W. GRAND LODGE OF ONTARIO.

DR.

1867.			
August	9	To balance from last report	$1304 08
"	30	" Dominion Lodge No 48 Charter fee, &c.,	30 00
Oct.	19	" Forest City do 38 supplies,	3 36
"	24	" Excelsior do 44 " Tracts,	50
"	28	" do do 44 do	5 00
Nov.	10	" Gore Lodge, do 34 do Tracts,	80
1868.			
Jan'y.	3	" Frontier do 45 per centage,	32 26
"	3	" do do 45 supplies,	5 63
"	8	" Gore do 34 per centage,	14 69
"		" do do 34 supplies,	4 00
"	14	" Union do 16 do	28 92
"	18	" Eureka do 30 do	42 56
"	18	" Forest City do 38 do	57 54
"	18	" Dominion do 48 do	11 05
"	18	" do do 48 supplies,	6 00
"	18	" Chatham do 29 per centage,	17 78
"	18	" Erie do 33 do	23 78
"	18	do do 33 on acc't of supplies,	22
"	18	" Mt. Zion do 46 do percentage,	9 41
"	18	" St. Mary's do 36 per centage,	22 20
"	18	" do do 36 digest,	1 50
"	18	" Colorado Grand Lodge; 10 Charters $20. U. S. Cy.,	14 20
"	18	" Samaritan Lodge No. 35 per centage,	32 63
"	18	" do do 35 supplies,	1 32
Feb.	1	" Excelsior do 44 per centage,	22 87
"	10	" J. C. Lindop, of late Elgin Lodge, T. Card,	25
"	17	" Unity Lodge No. 47 per centage,	16 87
"	18	" Avon do 41 do	21 60
"	18	" Samaritan do 35 supplies,	2 00
"	26	" Unity do 47 balance of per centage,	2 12
April	8	" Brock do 9 per centage,	13 39
"	8	" Mt. Zion do 46 bal. of do	2 00
"	30	" do do 46 supplies,	2 90
"	21	" Union do 16 do	3 00
June	14	" Samaritan do 35 do	4 00
July	9	" Gore do 34 per centage term, June 30, 1868,	20 02
July	10	" Union do 16 do do	45 15
"	10	" St. Mary's do 36 do do	19 10
"	13	" Erie do 33 do do	23 75
"	13	" do do 33 amount of acc't	9 26
"	16	" Chatham do 29 per centage	31 92
"	16	" Avon do 41 do	30 41
"	17	" Otter do 50 do	21 63

July	17	"	do	do	50 supplies and charter,	34	17
"	17	"	Eureka	do	30 per centage	43	03
"	17	"	Forest City	do	38 do	55	93
"	17	"	Dominion	do	48 do	33	12
"	17	"	do	do	supplies	5	55
"	22	"	Brock	do	9 do	4	00
"	22	"	do	do	per centage	17	60
"	22	"	Samaritan	do	35 do	32	72
"	23	"	Otter	do	50 digest	1	50
"	28	"	Forest City	do	38 supplies	7	30
"	28	"	Frontier	do	45 do	3	00
"	24	"	do	do	per centage	32	96
"	24	"	Mt. Zion	do	46 do	11	28
"	24	"	do	do	supplies	1	00
"	28	"	Canada	do	49 per centage	36	04
Aug.	1	"	Union	do	16 supplies	6	50
"	4	"	Canada	do	49 charter fee and acc't	82	18
"	5	"	Excelsior	do	44 per centage	40	83
"	5	"	do	do	supplies	3	00
"	5	"	Unity	do	47 do	8	42
"	5	"	do	do	per centage	22	90
					Total	$2445	30

1867. *CR.*

August 9 By paid mileage and per diem to Officers and Representatives at the Session held at St. Catharines, August 7th and 8th, 1867, viz :

"	"	Henry MAfee, M. W. Grand Master,	$21	44
"	"	John Taylor, jr., R. W. Grand Warden,	26	24
"	"	J. B. King, R. W. Grand Sec. and Treas.	9	44
"	"	Jas. Smith, R. W. Grand Rep. to Grand, Lodge U. S.,	12	64
"	"	Jas. Curle, Rep. of Brock Lodge,	26	24
"	"	S. G. Dolson, " Union do	4	00
"	"	T. Healy, " do do	4	00
"	"	Isaac Smith, Chatham do	17	75
"	"	Jas. Heron, " Eureka do	12	64
"	"	John Hunter, " do do	12	64
"	"	Robert Kirkpatrick, do do	12	64
"	"	C. H. Hankinson, Erie do	13	60
"	"	W. A. Glover, do do	13	60
"	"	E. Chalcraft, Rep. Gore do	9	44
"	"	Jas. McIntyre, " Samaritan	11	12
"	"	G. H. Marlatt, " St. Mary's	14	32
"	"	Robt. Barbour. " do	14	32
"	"	Wm. Bissell, " Forest City	12	64
"	"	Thos. Partridge, do	12	64
"	"	M. D. Dawson, " do	12	64
"	"	E. Beltz, " do	12	64
"	"	Thos. T. Irving, Avon Lodge	11	28
"	"	C. B Taylor, " do	11	28
"	"	J. W. Ferguson, Excelsior Lodge,	6	56
"	"	C. E. Peirce, " do	6	56
"	"	A. B. Graham, Frontier Lodge,	21	44
"	"	George Irwin, " do	21	44
"	"	F. Green, " Mt. Zion Lodge,	15	52
"	"	John Smith, " Unity Lodge,	6	56
"	"	Committee of Union Lodge, extra appropriation,	42	12
"	"	Bro. Callaghan, Janitor,	3	00
"	"	Bro. R. Wigmore, late Grand Master, account for postage and travelling expenses,	40	21

	"	"	Bro. Schneider, of Chatham Lodge, for expenses attending the procuring of the effects of late Rond Eau Lodge	7 00
	"	"	Express charges on desk to Brantford,	2 00
	"	"	Cartage on same,	0 25
Sept.	9	"	Bro. James Woodyatt, Rep. to G. L. U. S.: Representative Tax, $ 75 00; Supplies, 100 28	
			$175 28 less discount,	131 46
"	20	"	Avon Lodge, Quebec subscription returned	7 00
"	21	"	Union Lodge, " "	5 00
"	30	"	Eureka Lodge, " "	10 00
Oct.	8	"	H. Lemmon, printing Journal, 1867,	62 46
Nov.	8	"	Express charges on supplies	1 05
"	17	"	Bro. Jas. L. Ridgely, amount subscribed by Subordinate Lodges to Southern Relief Fund	80 35
"	"	"	B. F. Fitch, drawing up and engrossing Act of Incorporation,	12 00
"	"	"	*Expositor* office, printing blank returns, letter heads for Grand Master	10 00
"	"	"	Express charges on proceedings Grand Lodge United States,	2 35
1868.				
Jan.	3	"	J. Sutherland's account, stationery	10 96
"	"	"	A. D. Clement, post-office account,	9 55
"	14	"	Expenses of Grand Rep., Jas. Woodyatt, and Grand Secretary, J. B. King, to Toronto, to look after our Act of Incorporation, per order of Grand Master	40 60
March	6	"	Bro. J. W. Orr, 16 copies *American Odd Fellow*	22 26
January		"	American Express, supplies from Grand Lodge United States	1 25
Feb.	22	"	*Expositor* office, books for Canada Lodge	6 00
April	1	"	A. D. Clement, postage account to date	4 97
May		"	American Express charges	2 85
"		"	Montreal Telegraph Company,	4 49
"	16	"	*Expositor* office, printing forms, &c.	6 50
July	1	"	Post-office account to date, three months,	3 46
"	17	"	Express Company	1 00
"	30	"	J. Sutherland, stationery	7 30
Aug,	5	"	J. B. King, Grand Secretary and Treasurer	50 00
"	5	"	" Account, incidentals	3 00
			Cash on hand to balance	1467 59
			Total	$2445 30

STATEMENT OF STOCK ON HAND, AUG. 5TH, 1868.

1	Installation Book, at $2.00	$ 2 00
7	Charge Books, at $3.00	21 00
8	Degree Books, at $3.00,	24 00
4	Degree of Rebekah Books, at $2.00	8 00
3	Public Installation Books, at $1.25	3 75
6	Copies Digest G. L. U. S., at $1.25	7 50
834	Propositions for Membership, at 2c	16 68
153	Reports on Character, at 2c	3 06
204	Representatives' Certificates, at 2c	4 08
191	P. G. Certificates, at 2c,	3 82
250	Treasurer's Bonds, at 5c	12 50
240	Orders for Supplies, at 3c	7 20
196	Odes, at 6c	11 76
28	Blank Rules and Regulations, at 10c	2 80
49	Withdrawal Cards, at 25c	12 25
53	Travelling Cards, at 25c	13 25
46	Tracts on Odd Fellowship, at 2c	0 92

1 Charter Stone	52 50
4 Blank Charters for sale, at $1.50	6 00
62 Charters, for use of this Grand Lodge,	
Letter-headings, Stationery, &c.	5 00
	$218 07

ASSETS OF GRAND LODGE.

Amount of Stock on hand	$ 218 07
Regalia, &c., of defunct Lodges	10 00
Amount due by Subordinate Lodges	4 24
Cash in Treasurer's hands	1467 59
	$1699 90

RECAPITULATION.

Number initiated	405	
" Admitted by Card	18	
" Reinstated	7	430
" Withdrawn by Card	44	
" Ceased to be members, N. P. D.	11	
" Expelled	00	
" Deceased	7	62
Net increase		368
" Of members as per last report		1050
Actual membership		1418
Of members in arrears (suspended and not suspended)		281
Contributing members		1137
" Of degrees conferred		987
" Of brothers relieved		104
" Of widowed families relieved		15
Amount paid for relief of brothers		$1335 06
" " " of widowed families		558 00
" " Burying the dead		252 18
		$2145 24
Amount percentage received		$ 890 00
" Annual receipts		9948 27
" Widow and Orphans' Fund		9598 56
" General Fund		14047 09
Total		$34483 92

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Abstract of the Semi-Annual Returns of the Subordinate Lodges, under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, for the year ending 30th June, 1868.

LODGE.	No.	Initiated.	Admitted by Card.	Reinstated.	Rejected.	Expelled.	Deaths.	Members in arrears not suspended.	Suspended.	Ceased for N. P. D.	Contribut'g Members	Degrees Conferred.	Brothers Relieved.	Widows Relieved.	Withdrawn by Card.	Paid for Relief of Brothers.	Paid for Relief of Widowed Families.	Burying the Dead.	Total Relief.	Amount of Annual Receipts.	Widow and Orphan Fund.	General Fund.	Am't of Percentage.
Brock	9	11	..	..	..	..	..	16	..	..	40	42	10	..	..	$ 85 00	$130 00	$15 00	$230 00	$358 40	$ 292 65	$ 267 00	$30 99
Union	16	23	..	..	3	..	1	3	14	4	106	66	..	..	..	131 00	50 00	11 90	192 00	864 15	2761 69	994 19	74 97
Chatham	29	26	1	..	4	..	1	16	7	6	55	64	3	1	..	30 00	10 00	45 00	85 00	552 51	546 99	250 20	49 70
Eureka	30	28	1	4	3	..	2	27	3	..	128	26	14	2	4	263 50	110 00	80 00	453 50	1011 00	1469 55	1561 62	85 59
Erie	33	10	..	..	1	..	..	31	9	6	51	34	20	3	1	179 00	25 00	.....	204 00	415 81	599 34	665 66	47 53
Gore	34	14	..	..	1	..	1	5	1	..	51	34	3	1	1	6 00	63 00	30 00	99 00	403 50	963 96	662 92	34 61
Samaritan	35	24	1	2	5	..	..	16	..	..	55	110	14	..	4	100 31	20 00	.....	120 31	718 19	486 56	676 63	65 35
St. Mary's	36	10	..	..	1	..	..	13	..	..	55	67	5	..	..	42 00	.....	15 00	57 00	479 00	496 40	2369 75	41 30
Forest City	38	44	..	..	1	..	1	80	..	..	126	116	11	2	16	292 25	50 00	30 00	372 25	1310 48	1134 67	4075 90	113 47
Avon	41	27	..	1	8	..	1	3	..	1	75	85	5	..	2	42 00	.....	26 18	68 18	593 50	350 00	435 64	52 05
Excelsior	44	28	2	..	4	..	..	28	..	..	78	71	7	2	6	56 00	30 00	.....	86 00	712 34	177 73	131 00	63 70
Frontier	45	20	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	..	104	60	4	3	2	52 00	60 00	.....	112 00	756 15	147 81	903 75	65 22
Mount Zion	46	11	..	..	..	..	..	12	1	..	18	46	5	..	3	22 00	.....	.....	22 00	250 64	48 56	423 34	23 29
Unity	47	29	1	..	1	..	..	.....	..	..	47	36	1	1	2	20 00	10 00	.....	30 00	450 50	45 00	180 00	41 02
Dominion*	48	42	12	..	1	..	..	.....	..	..	52	39	2	..	2	14 00	.....	.....	14 00	472 64	30 62	122 35	44 17
Canada*	49	29	5	..	1	..	..	.....	..	..	34	58	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	374 61	16 17	252 29	36 04
Otter*	50	23	6	..	..	..	..	.....	..	..	28	33	..	..	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	224 85	30 66	84 85	21 61
		399	29		34		7	258	35	17	1103	987	104	15	44	1335 06	558 00	252 18	2145 24	9948 27	9598 36	14047 09	890 61

* Instituted since last Session.

13. But one case of appeal has been sent in for your action, that is the case of Gore Lodge No. 34 versus Alfred Bax. Mr. Bax being a resident of Brantford, applied to and was initiated into Avon Lodge No. 41, of Stratford. For reasons (which are stated in the charge made) a charge was made against Mr. Bax by Gore Lodge, and it would appear that the charge had been sustained, and a penalty inflicted by Avon Lodge upon Mr. Bax, which Gore Lodge deems unconstitutional. Therefore the appeal.

14. The correspondence of my office for the past year is herewith submitted. All that required immediate attention has been attended to.

15. I find that the new form of Returns adopted at the late session, and which is now in use by the Lodges, answered the purpose designed admirably, both in simplicity and correctness. I would call the special attention of the Committee on Returns to the difference in the amount of W. & O. fund and general funds held by some Lodges, in the June return as compared with the December return. When writing to the Lodges referred to on the subject, I have been informed that the Grand Lodge has no right to interfere (and as a consequence no right to ask questions in regard to the correctness of Lodge statements) in the matter of the funds of a Lodge. If such be the case, I would suggest that the items referred to be entirely stricken out of the returns, as I believe it better that no statement of the resources of our Order be given to the fraternity, than that a false one should be made.

The Journal of Proceedings of the following Grand Lodges have been received, and in accordance with the resolution in the report of the Committee on Correspondence, page 284, Journal, I have prepared a brief extract from each, which will supplement this report. The report referred to was submitted, but inasmuch as it was of interest only when made, it is deemed unnecessary to reprint it here.

The annual report of the Odd Fellows' Library Association of California; also the report of Committee on reception of the Grand Lodge of the United States, together with a copy of addresses delivered on the 26th April, in Galveston, Texas, by Bro. W. Carey Crane, have been duly received, each of which is replete with matters of great nterest to Odd Fellows everywhere, and well worthy a perusal.

16. A recommendation of Grand Master Spragge, of Michigan, is, I believe, a good one, and one which, if adopted by this Grand Lodge, would be productive of much good to the Order in this jurisdiction. I will use his own words: "Past Grand Masters should be allowed mileage and per diem for attendance at the Grand Lodge meetings, as I believe their aid and counsel would be worth vastly more to the jurisdiction than the amount it would be necessary to expend to secure their attendance; for it is hardly fair to expect that having been faithful servants while in office, they should be under an expense to assist us in our labors of love."

Inasmuch as the name of this Grand Lodge has been changed by the Grand Lodge of the United States, it becomes necessary to have our Seals altered accordingly.

17. The account of the Grand Lodge of the United States for supplies and Representative tax, is herewith submitted.

I am still in receipt of the "Odd Fellows' Companion," published by M. C. Lilley & Co., Columbus, Ohio; also of a weekly paper called the "Mystic Tie," published in Baltimore; edited by Grand Secretary Escavaile.

18. One more matter of minor importance I would call your attention to; that is, the majority of Lodges pay their percentage to the Grand Lodge in current funds, while a few send silver. I would suggest that a uniform rate be adopted by this Grand Lodge—either all silver or all paper. There is quite an amount of silver now in the treasury, and in order to invest it, there will be a loss of from 4 to 6 per cent.

And now, Brothers, permit me to thank you one and all very kindly for the uniform courtesy and forbearance I have met with at your hands. I have during my two years' term of office endeavored to discharge the duties appertaining to that office faithfully; to what extent I have succeeded, I leave you to judge.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

J. B. KING,
Grand Secretary and Treasurer.

By request of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Secretary then read the following report of the special deputation which visited Toronto in the interests of the Act of Incorporation applied for by the Grand Lodge; when Grand Representative James Woodyatt explained at length the steps taken by the Committee. On motion of Rep. John Dodd, the report was adopted:

INGERSOLL, August 5th, 1868.

To the M. W. Grand Master, Officers and Representatives of the Grand Lodge of Ontario.

BROTHERS,—We, the undersigned committee, appointed by the M. W. Grand Master to visit the Legislature of Ontario, with a view to secure, if possible, the passage of the Act of Incorporation applied for by this Grand Lodge, beg to report.

That upon receiving the instruction from the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. H. McAfee, we at once proceeded to Toronto, and with all due speed called upon the several members of the House, and used our utmost endeavors to obtain their influence and vote in favor of the Act, but without the success anticipated.

Upon former visits to the capital, we and others had met, not only from the Hon. E. B. Wood (who had the Bill in charge), but from other prominent members on both sides of the House, with the best prospects of success; but upon this occasion we met little but opposition, not from any direct ill feeling to our Order, but from the precedent it would be establishing. The Hon. Premier gave us to understand distinctly that the policy of the Government was decidedly averse to granting charters to any secret society, and to grant our prayer would be to establish a precedent which would in all probability cause the Government more trouble than the passage of the Act applied for could possibly do us good.

In view of this and the decided opposition of several prominent members of the House, with the consent of the M. W. Grand Master, we withdrew the Bill for the session.

We have to return our warmest thanks to Bros. Trow and Fitzimmons, and other members of the Legislature, for the many courtesies shewn us while at Toronto.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

JAMES WOODYATT,
J. B. KING.

On motion of Rep. John Smith, seconded by Rep. J. J. Dyas, the following was unanimously agreed to:

Resolved,—That a vote of thanks be tendered to Grand Representative James Woodyatt and Grand Secretary and Treasurer, J. B. King, the committee whose report we have just heard, for the efforts put forth by them to secure the object sought for.

The following motion of Rep. T. Partridge, seconded by Rep. J. W. Ferguson, was resolved in the negative:

Resolved,—That the hours of the sessions of this Grand Lodge during the present session be as follows: From 9 o'clock a. m., till 12 o'clock noon: and from 2 o'clock p. m. until 6 o'clock p. m.

Grand Representative, James Woodyatt, then read his Annual Report, which was, on motion, referred to the Committee on Distribution:

GRAND REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:

BRETHREN,—Your Representative to the Grand Lodge of the United States, presents the following report of the proceedings and transactions of that body at its Session in the City of New York, commencing on the 16th of September, 1867.

The Session opened at Irving Hall, a spacious and commodious room, tastefully and conveniently fitted up by the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, for the occasion.

M. W. Grand Master Gould, in an address of welcome, tendered the use of the Hall for the purposes of the Session. The address was responded to, and the use of the Hall accepted by the M. W. Grand Sire.

The Grand Officers and a full representation from all the Jurisdictions being present, the Session was opened by prayer, offered by the R. W. Grand Chaplain.

P. G. Sire Kennedy, on behalf of the Grand Lodge of New York, presented invitations to visit the several places and institutions following, viz: The Central Park, the Hebrew Benevolent and Orphan Asylum, the N. Y. Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, the New York Juvenile Asylum, the Metropolitan Fire Department, the Department of Public Charities and Corrections, the Board of Education and others.

The terms in which these invitations were given, and the acceptance of them urged, had the effect of convincing the members of the Grand Lodge that they were welcome and honored visitors of the great City of New York, and that their presence had been anticipated and prepared for.

The best response that could be given to such friendly greeting was by receiving all with hearty thanks, and respectfully accepting as many of them as the time at the disposal of the Grand Lodge would permit. I feel warranted in stating that every member felt delighted and profited by the many pleasant and instructive scenes witnessed by them, and that they will long cherish the remembrance of all the kindness and courtesy shown to them while attending the Session of 1867.

The M. W. Grand Sire read his report, congratulating the Representatives on the flourishing condition of the Order in nearly all the Jurisdictions; referring to the general observance of the 26th of April as a day of thanksgiving for blessings vouchsafed; stating that the amount contributed for the relief of the Southern Lodges had not yet reached a sufficient sum, and suggesting that the Grand Lodges loan to the several Southern Grand Lodges such amounts as they may deem necessary to meet the wants of their Subordinate Lodges; giving a synopsis of the work performed in the Lower Provinces and Canada East by Bro. P. G. M. Fred. D. Stuart, in the matter of resuscitating the Order in these Provinces; recommending the repeal of all the laws at present in existence with regard to weekly benefits, and that the

matter be left wholly to the decision of our Subordinate Lodges; and submitting the following decisions made by him during the recess, viz:

1. Public Installations cannot be held, unless the State Grand Body has given consent to her Subordinates to have the same; and where the Grand Master of the Jurisdiction has forbidden the same, the Grand Sire has *no* power to interfere with his decision. The decision of the Grand Master is binding until reversed by his Grand Lodge —unless his decision is in direct conflict with the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

2. The Lodge to which the applicant belongs is entitled to the fees for degrees. No Lodge has the right to give a certificate to receive the degrees until the fees are paid. It is the duty of any Lodge, upon the presentation of a duly authenticated degree certificate, if the brother is in good standing, to confer the degree upon the candidate holding and presenting such certificate.

3. The Noble Grand has no power to set aside any part of the Constitution of his Lodge. The objectionable section must be repealed or amended in the manner provided for in said Constitution, and is binding on him and his Lodge until so repealed or amended.

4. The Vice Grand of a Lodge has no right to call a Past Grand to preside over his Lodge during the absence of the Noble Grand; and all acts done by the Lodge during such time are illegal, and should be set aside.

5. A Grand Lodge has no right to grant more than *one ballot* and *one reconsideration* of the same, to a candidate for membership in a Subordinate Lodge.

6. A Grand Lodge has no right to require a residence for any definite period before a brother can deposit a withdrawal card from a sister jurisdiction. A law of such a character is in direct violation of our principles.

7. The R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States having decided by her Constitution the necessary qualifications for membership in the Order, no Grand Body has the right to change the same.

8. A Subordinate Lodge about the ballot for degrees, should close informally in the Initiatory Degree: and after balloting for the degrees in the several degrees, should then re-open in the Initiatory degree, and close the Lodge in due form.

9. A person who has lost *an arm*, is not eligible for membership into the Order by initiation.

The R. W. Grand Secretary then read his Report, a very lengthy and able document, containing a notice of every jurisdiction, with extracts from the reports of several Grand Secretaries, relative to the state of the Order in their jurisdictions; also, the statistics of the Order, shewing the extent and usefulness of the Institution of Odd Fellowship. The whole document will well repay a careful and studious perusal.

I would also commend to the favorable consideration of every member of the Order in this jurisdiction, the Report of P. G. M. Bro. Stuart on the condition of the Order in the Lower Provinces and Canada East, with a view to forwarding as far as possible the good work set on foot by that brother in those Provinces.

The Report of the R. W. Grand Treasurer presented the very gratifying fact of a balance of cash in hand of $20,312.21, and a total of assets to the credit of the Grand Lodge of $28,762.21, with the sum of $11,195.00 on Southern Jurisdictions' Relief account.

On the matter of Southern Relief, the following was adopted: That the M. W. Grand Sire, the R. W. Grand Secretary and the R. W. Grand Treasurer, be appointed a committee to disburse the Southern Jurisdiction Relief Fund, in such a manner as in their judgment will most conduce to the welfare of the Lodges and Encampments for whom this friendly aid has been proposed.

The Committee on the State of the Order reported on the decisions of the M. W. Grand Sire, concurring in the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th, 6th, 7th and 9th, recommending that the 4th be modified to read as follows, viz.: While it is undoubtedly the duty of the Vice Grand to preside over the Lodge in the absence of the Noble Grand, the cases and circumstances are numerous, upon occasions of Initiation and Grand Visitation, when there might be great propriety in the acting Noble Grand calling to his assistance the best experience of the Lodge;

And recommending that instead of the 8th decision the following be adopted, viz.: That a Subordinate Lodge, before proceeding to ballot to advance brothers in the degrees, must be closed in the initiatory degree in form and manner as prescribed in the Charge Book, and after having regularly been closed in the form provided, the Lodge must then be opened in the degree or degrees applied for in the form and manner provided in the Degree Charge Book, page 3, and shall not be opened again in the Initiatory.

The subject of the payment of weekly benefits, or the admission of Honorary or Non-Beneficial Members, being optional with Grand or Subordinate Lodges, occupied the attention of the Grand Lodge for some time—first, on a resolution laid over from the previous Session, as follows, viz.: "That the several jurisdictions subordinate to this Grand Lodge are hereby authorized and recommended to provide such suitable legislation as may be requisite to enable working Lodges and Encampments to receive as non-beneficial members, such members as may have been suspended for non-payment of dues, and for no other cause. *Provided*,—That such non-beneficial members shall not be eligible to office or entitled to vote in the Lodges or Encampments to which they may be admitted."

On this resolution the yeas and nays were taken, your representative voting "yea." The vote was: Yeas, 32; Nays, 64.

Again the matter came up in a report of the Committee on the State of the Order, to whom the subject as mentioned in the report of the M. W. Grand Sire was referred. The Committee reported as follows: "That the payment of weekly benefits to sick members is the distinguishing characteristic of our Order, and may be regarded as the fundamental principle of Odd Fellowship, which, combined with the moral precepts and teachings of the Order, has made our organization so eminently successful. The repeated affirmance and heretofore consistent adherence to this peculiar feature of our Order induces the Committee to dissent from the opinions expressed by the M. W. Grand Sire."

The above report was adopted by the Grand Lodge, after considerable discussion, by a very decided vote.

The Legislative Committee reported the following resolution, which was adopted:

"That the 26th of April be, and the same is hereby established as the Anniversary of the Order, and all Grand Lodges and Encampments are requested to urge their Subordinates to observe the day in some appropriate manner."

The same Committee also reported resolutions requiring subordinate Bodies

"1st. To expel members who shall attach to any chart, certificate, diploma, or other paper, the seal of any Grand or Subordinate Body."

"2nd. A like penalty for publishing, or circulating knowingly, any unauthorized diploma or certificate; which resolutions were adopted."

The same Committee, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Woodyatt, in relation to changing the name of the Grand Lodge of Canada West, reported the following resolution, and the same was adopted, viz: "That the name of the Grand Lodge of Canada West be, and the same is hereby changed, and that jurisciction shall hereafter be known and hailed as the Grand Lodge of Ontario, and the Charter, Constitution and By-laws of that jurisdiction conform to the change of name hereby made."

On the subject of changing the name of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, the Committee on Legislation made the following report: "The Legislative Committee, to whom the resolution of Rep. Woodyatt, of Canada West, in relation to changing the name of this Grand Lodge had been referred, beg leave to report that, in the opinion of this Committee, it is inexpedient to legislate on this subject, and the Committee ask to be discharged from its further consideration."

This report, after some discussion, was adopted, but subsequently Rep. Smith, of Illinois, laid on the table a proposed amendment, to the effect that article 1, section 1, of the Constitution be amended, by striking out the words "of the United States." And your representative also submitted a proposed amendment of the same article and section, by striking out the words "Grand Lodge of the United States," and inserting "Supreme Grand Lodge." These amendments will come up for discussion at the next meeting, when I think it probable that either one or the other of them, if not adopted, will at least receive the vote of a very large number of the members.

The Legislative Committee submitted the following resolution, which was adopted, viz: "That whenever, in the judgment of a State Grand Body, it may be expedient, it shall be lawful to allow a Lodge or Encampment to be resuscitated upon the application of five of the former members of the Lodge, or seven of the former members of the Encampment, as the case may be, and to give the name, charter and effects of such defunct subordinates to such applicants. Provided, that the petitioners, at the time of their application, shall not be connected with any other subordinate Lodge or Encampment."

Article 4 of the By-laws was, on a two-thirds vote, amended by adding the following to the concluding sentence: "Provided, that nothing contained in this article shall operate to prevent the Grand Lodge from entertaining and granting, or instructing the Grand Sire to grant in the recess, the application for a Grand Charter to any less number of Lodges or Encampmenls who may regularly petition therefor, and accompany the petition with reasons which shall be deemed satisfactory for such grant by two-thirds of the members of the Grand Lodge at any regular session."

The Committee on Finance submitted the following resolution, which was adopted: "That the Grand C. and R. Secretary be and is hereby requested to compile and publish in one volume, with appropriate title, the several forms for Public Installation, Funeral Procession and Funeral Service, Laying Corner Stones, and Dedicating Halls, together with such other forms prescribed by the Grand Lodge of the

United States, as in the judgment of the Grand C. and R. Secretary may be proper and expedient. The volumes to be furnished to Jurisdictions and Lodges at $1.25, and when prepared, the Grand C. and R. Secretary to notify the several jurisdictions that said volumes are subject to order."

The above is a synopsis of the legislation of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States at its late session, to which the attention of this R. W. Grand Lodge is more particularly directed. To have attempted an account of the whole work would have required the copying of the Journal, the careful perusal of which, I have no doubt, has occupied and will occupy the time at the disposal of every member, not only of this Grand Lodge, but of the members of the Order generally in this jurisdiction. I feel satisfied that the information to be obtained therein as to the extent, usefulness and importance of the Order, will well repay the careful reader, and impress upon him more profoundly the idea that he is a member of an organization engaged in a great and good work.

In conclusion, brethren, accept my warmest thanks for the opportunity afforded, as your representative, of making the acquaintance and friendship of members of the fraternity from all the jurisdictions in which our Order exists. I assure you I did indeed feel grateful to you, when in Grand Lodge I met and grasped the hand of friendship extended from Brothers coming from East, West, North and South, coming with the high purpose in view of elevating and benefitting their fellow man.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES WOODYATT,
Grand Representative.

On motion of Rep. John Smith, the Grand Lodge adjourned until 2 o'clock p. m., in order to allow the Committee on Distribution time to prepare their report.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

INGERSOLL, 2 o'clock p.m., Aug. 5, 1868.

Pursuant to adjournment the Grand Lodge assembled.

PRESENT.—Henry McAfee, M. W. Grand Master; Edmund Beltz, R. W. Warden; J. B. King, Sec'y and Treas.; Jas. Woodyatt, Rep. to G. L. U. S.; Wm. Mowat, Conductor; Jas. McIntyre, Marshall, and a quorum of Representatives.

Rep. J. W. Ferguson, from the Committee on Credentials, submitted the following, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:

We, your Committee on Credentials, beg to submit that we have examined the Certificate of P. G. H. N. Camp, and find it correct. We therefore recommend that the Grand Lodge Degree be conferred upon the Brother, and that he be admitted to a seat in this Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted.

J. W. FERGUSON,
T. PARTRIDGE,
J. B. KING.

Rep. M. Blume, of Canada Lodge No. 49, submitted the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

Moved by Rep. Blume, Canada Lodge No. 49, seconded by Rep. McGregor, Frontier Lodge No. 45, that a part of the amount charged to Canada Lodge 49 for supplies and regalia, be refunded.

Rep. W. A. Moore, of Erie Lodge No. 38, submitted the following resolution, whibh was referred to the Committee on Laws of Subordinates:

Resolved,—That Erie Lodge No. 33 be permitted to make a By-law, to the effect that none but Past Secretaries shall be eligible for Vice Grand.

Rep. J. W. Ferguson submitted the following question, which was referred to the Committee on Legislation:

"Has a Noble Grand any right to admit a visitor to his Lodge who does not give the current P. W. and explanation at the proper door, except said visitor presents a travelling or clearance card and proves himself in the T. P. W.?"

Reps. Henry Gibson and Thos. Henderson submitted the following question, which was referred to the Committee on the state of the Order:

To the Grand Master, Officers and Representatives:

As several members of the Old Thames Lodge, along with brothers from Eureka Lodge and others, request that the representatives of Avon Lodge bring the matter up before this Grand Lodge that they are anxious to resuscitate that Lodge on the old Charter, they wish to know on what conditions they would receive the same.

Rep. S. G. Dolson, from the Committee on Distribution, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:

The Committee on Distribution beg leave to submit the following report, as the result of their labors on the different subjects presented to them; and in order to facilitate the work of the different committees, we have referred to them by numbered clauses.

Clause No. 1, 5, 14, 17 and 21, and so much of the Grand Master's report as refers to his visits to subordinate Lodges, to be referred to Committee on state of the Order; and clause 5 and 7 of the Grand Secretary's report to be referred to the same committee.

Clause 2, 3, 4, 6 and 20 of the Grand Master's report referred to Committee on Petitions.

Clause 7 and 15 of Grand Master's Report, and clauses 1, 2, 9, 10, 11, 12, 16, 17, 18 of Grand Secretary's Report referred to Committee on Finance.

Clause 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 16, 18 and 19 of Grand Master's Report, and clause 3, 4 and 6 of Grand Secretary's Report referred to Committee on Legislation.

Clause 13 of Grand Master's Report, and clause 13 of Grand Secretary's Report referred to Committee on Appeals.

Clause 14 of Grand Secretary's Report and his Supplementary Report on correspondence referred to Committee on Correspondence.

Clause 15 of Grand Secretary's Report referred to Committee on Returns.

Your Committee, in submitting this report, have found it necessary that two additional committees be named: and upon the present occasion they act as special committees, but in case of a revision of constitution they shall be considered as forming a part of the regular standing committees of this Grand Lodge, namely, a committee on Petitions and Legislation.

We therefore move the adoption of the foregoing report.

SAMUEL G. DOLSON,
H. C. BINGHAM,
R. KIRKPATRICK,
WM. BISSELL,
WM. C. BELL.

Rep. Partridge, from the Committee on Credentials, submitted the following Supplementary Report No. 2, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:

We, your Committee on Credentials, beg to submit that we have examined the certificate of P. G., Geo. E. Ward, Rep. of Mount Zion Lodge, and find it correct. We therefore recommend that the brother be instructed in the Grand Lodge Degree and admitted to a seat in this Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted.

T. PARTRIDGE,
J. W. FERGUSON,
J. B. KING.

On motion of Rep. George Irwin, the Grand Lodge adjourned at 4 o'clock for an hour, in order to allow the several committees time to prepare their reports.

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5 O'CLOCK P. M.

The Grand Lodge opened pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT,—All the Officers, except the Grand Guardian, and a quorum of Representatives.

Rep. C. E. Peirce, from the Commi'tee on Laws of Subordinates, to whom was referred the resolution of Erie Lodge, submitted the following report, which was, on motion of Rep. H. C. Bingham, adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:

Your committee, to whom was referred the resolution, that Erie Lodge No. 33 be permitted to make a By-law to the effect that none but past Secretaries shall be eligible for Vice Grand, beg leave to report that the resolution be not entertained, as it conflicts with the general Constitution and By-laws.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. E. PEIRCE,
WM. McGREGOR,
WM. C. BELL,
M. BLUME,
WM. SMITH,

Rep. C. E. Peirce, from the same Committee, to whom was referred the question of Rep. Ferguson, of Excelsior Lodge No. 44, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

Your Committee, to whom was referred the question from Rep. Ferguson, of Excelsior Lodge No. 44, relative to the N. G. admitting a visiting brother who does not give the current password and explanation at the proper doors, except said visitor presents a travelling or clearance card, or proves himself in the annual travelling password, beg leave to submit the following—that it would be contrary to the Constitution, as also the Digest of G. L. U. S.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. E. PEIRCE,
WM. McGREGOR,
WM. C. BELL,
WM. SMITH,
M. BLUME.

Rep. C. E. Peirce, from the same committee, submitted the following report, which on motion of P. G. M., James Smith, was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

Your Committee on Laws of Subordinates beg leave to report that they have examined the Constitution and By-laws of Canada Lodge No. 49, Otter Lodge

No. 50, Chatham Lodge No. 29, Erie Lodge No. 33, and Dominion Lodge No. 48, and have found them partially correct. We find that in most cases they have adhered to the old Constitution, but we have corrected them, and beg to recommend that they all be adopted, as amended.

C. E. PEIRCE,
WM. McGREGOR,
WM. C. BELL,
WM. SMITH,
M. BLUME.

Past Grand Master, W. H. Barnes, of Georgia, being in waiting, the chair appointed P. G. M.'s Woodyatt and Smith a committee to introduce him. The brother was accordingly introduced.

Rep. George Wales, of Union Lodge No. 16, from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following report, which, on motion of Rep. Noble, was taken up clause by clause.

To the M. W. Grand Master, Grand Officers and Representatives of the Grand Lodge of Ontario.

BRETHREN,—Your Finance Committee beg to present the following report:

1. Clause 1 Grand Master's Report, recommending the granting of the charters and books to the Lodges organized during the past year, for the sum of $30 each, we approve of.

2. Clause 15 same report, recommending the purchase of Grand Lodge regalia, we cannot approve of.

3. Clause 1 Grand Secretary's Report, recommending the continuation of the subscription to the *American Odd Fellow* for distribution among the Lodges in the jurisdiction, we approve of.

4. Clause 2, referring to investment of the funds of the Grand Lodge, and stating that they had not been invested in accordance with resolution, we have considered, and beg to express our regret that such is the case, but under the circumstances we exonerate the Grand Officers from all blame in the matter. We recommend the investment of the funds in the manner proposed and approved of at last Grand Lodge meeting. See page 287, Journal of Proceedings.

5. Clause 9. We recommend that the Grand Secretary be authorized to have printed 100 copies of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, &c., as suggested by him.

6. Clause 10. One-fifth of the dues being the legal amount to be placed to the credit of the W. & O. Fund, we recommend that that proportion and that only be so applied.

7. Clause 11. We recommend that the Grand Secretary be authorized to procure a P. G.'s register

8. Clause 14. We have carefully examined the accounts and vouchers of the Grand Secretary and Treasurer, and find them correct; the balance of cash on hand being $1,467.59.

9. Clause 16. We recommend that hereafter the sitting P. G. M. be paid his mileage and per diem.

10. Clause 17. We recommend the payment of account of the Grand Lodge of the United States, amounting to $249, American currency.

11. Clause 18. We recommend that hereafter the Grand Lodge tax be paid only in bankable funds.

12. With regard to the request of Canada Lodge No. 49, we cannot recommend that any further reduction be made from their account other than that which applies to the other Lodges instituted during the past year.

Resolved,—That the foregoing report be adopted.

G. WALES,
J. J. DYAS,
J. C. LINDOP,
R. BARBOUR,
JNO. McMATH.

Clauses 1, 2, 3 and 4 were adopted.

On motion to adopt clause 5, Rep. C. E. Peirce moved to strike out the clause, which was resolved in the affirmative.

Clauses 6, 7 and 8 were adopted.

On the motion to adopt clause 9, Jas. Smith, P. G. M., moved to strike out the clause, which was resolved in the affirmative.

Clauses 10, 11 and 12 were adopted.

The report as amended was then adopted.

Rep. R. J. C. Dawson, from the Committee on Correspondence, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:

BRETHREN,—Your Committee on Correspondence find that department of the work has been so well attended to during the past year by the efficient Secretary, that very little remains for your Committee to do in that matter.

We beg to recommend that the report presented, showing the proceedings of the several State Grand Lodges, be printed in the Journal, as it furnishes valuable information as to the condition and working of this noble Institution.

Your Committee have very great pleasure in recommending that a vote of thanks to be tendered to Thos. Swinyard, Esq., General Manager G. W. Railway, for kindly granting to the Representatives attending Grand Lodge I. O. O. F., in Session at Ingersoll, free return tickets, and that the Grand Secretary be instructed to write to that effect.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. J. C. DAWSON,
WM. N. FORD,
JAS. H. STEWART,
HENRY GIBSON,
GEO. DENNIS,

On motion of Rep C. E. Peirce, the Grand Lodge adjourned, to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock a.m.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY MORNING, Aug. 6, 1868.

The Grand Lodge assembled at 9 a.m., and was called to order by the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. H. McAfee. Roll called. Present:

Henry McAfee, M. W. Grand Master; John Barr, R. W. D'y Master; Edmund Beltz, R. W. Grand Warden; J. B. King, R. W. Grand Sec'y and Treas.; Jas. Woodyatt, R. W. Grand Representative; Wm. Mowat, R. W. Grand Conductor; Jas. McIntyre, R. W. Grand Marshall.

Reps.:—John Wright, S. G. Dolson, Geo. Wales, Jas. Bird, Isaac Smith, Robt. Kirkpatrick, H. G. Abbott, W. A. Moore, John McMath, John Noble, H. C. Bingham, Geo. Dennis, W. C. Bell, Robt. Barbour, W. N. Ford, R. J. C. Dawson, Thos. Partridge, Wm. Bissell, Henry Gibson, Thos. Henderson, J. W. Ferguson, C. E. Peirce, J. H. Stewart, Wm. McGregor, George Irwin, John Smith, J. J. Dyas, J. G. Dodd, Michael Blume, J. C. Lindop.

The reading of the minutes of yesterday's session was, on motion of Rep. Partridge, dispensed with.

The following appeal of Bro. T. Lawless, of Excelsior Lodge No. 44, was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

To the N. G., V. G., Officers and Members of Excelsior Lodge No. 44, I. O. O. F.:

BRETHREN,—I hereby appeal to the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario against the decision of Bro. J. W. Ferguson, D. D. Grand Master, declaring me ineligible to the office of V. G. of this Lodge, on the grounds that I had not served two terms in subordinate offices previous to election thereto; and I hereby claim my right to installation into said office, the decision of the D. D. G. M. to the contrary notwithstanding, the following being the grounds of my appeal and claim:

1. That I was elected to said office of V. G. by the votes of the majority of the members present on the night appointed for the election of officers.

2. That two terms (52 weeks) service in a subordinate office previous to installation into the office of V. G., *is not* a necessary qualification for said office, because—

3. The law of the Grand Lodge, of the United States, emphatically the *supreme law* of the Order, declares that "26 nights' service in an inferior office is a sufficient qualification for the office of Vice Grand of a Subordinate Lodge, provided the brother has attained to sufficient degrees, and is otherwise competent." (See Digest, under head of "Officers of Subordinate Lodges," Sec. 31.)

4. That previous to the night of installation I had served 26 consecutive nights in an inferior office, to which I had been duly appointed and installed, and that previous to my appointment to said inferior office, or to any office in the Lodge, I had attained to the Scarlet Degree. I therefore claim that I am lawfully entitled to said office of V. G., and that I should be installed therein, the provisions of the Constitution of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario to the contrary notwithstanding.

But it has been urged in opposition, that the law requiring only "26 nights' service in an inferior office" was made when the terms of office were three months instead of six months, as at present. This view, however, is erroneous; for we find that under the same head as formerly quoted from, section 4, that "the regular term of official service in a subordinate Lodge is six months." This decision is found in the Journal of the G. L. U. S., on pages 853, 899, 912, 1066, showing it to have been given previous to section 21, which appears on page 1067 of the said Journal.

Again, it is urged that the law of the Grand Lodge of Ontario should be the rule of action for its subordinates. With all due deference to the Grand Lodge and those who hold this opinion, I maintain that in this, as in all deliberative bodies, the highest law having jurisdiction in the premises should always prevail, to the exclusion of all others. The G. L. U. S. had a right to make this law, as we find by the first article of its Constitution, and, having made it, no inferior body has any right to make a law conflicting with in any degree whatever.

But then it is urged that subordinate Lodges being amenable in the first instance to their respective Grand Lodges, have not the right to avail themselves of the provisions of the G. L. U. S. conflicting with their constitution. This idea, also, is false, as we find by referring to the Digest, under the head, "Lodges—Subordinate," Sec. 14, where it says, "the Lodge may disregard the prohibitory clause, and do those things expressly allowed by the Grand Lodge of the United States," and further, that the G. L. U. S. will afford "due protection to the subordinate upon appeal, properly taken," for such action.

I am, fraternally,

THOMAS LAWLESS.

Hamilton, July 2nd, 1868.

Also the following report, preamble, resolutions and appeal of Gore Lodge No. 34, in the case of Gore Lodge No. 34, appellant, vs. Avon Lodge No. 41, respondent, which was referred to Committee on Appeals:

GORE LODGE No. 34, I. O. O. F.,
Brantford, April 23, 1868.

To the Officers and Members of Gore Lodge No 34:

BRETHREN,—We, your Committee appointed last Lodge night to investigate and report to this Lodge upon the fact of Mr. A. Bax, a resident of this town, having been initiated into Avon Lodge No. 41, in the town of Stratford, Province of Ontario, beg to submit the following report, with the accompanying preamble

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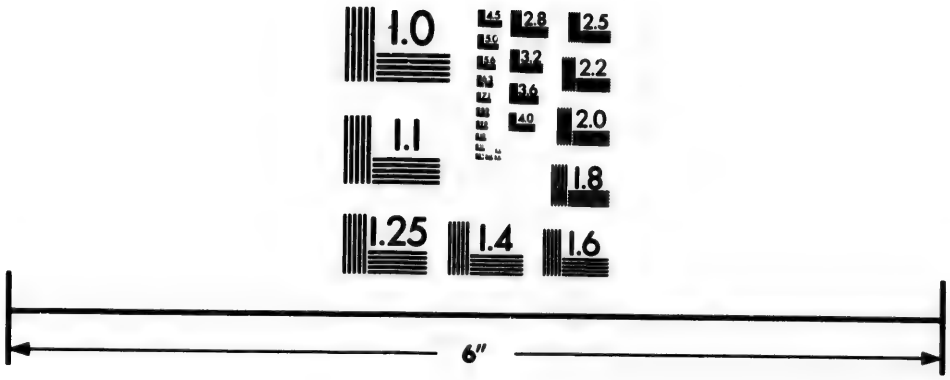

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and resolution, which were adopted, viz., that we find that Mr. A. Bax was admitted into Avon Lodge, falsely representing that he resided nearer to that Lodge than to any other Lodge of this Order.

Whereas, Mr. A. Bax has been initiated into this Order, through misstatements of facts, and whereas he was on the 16th of August, 1860, rejected by this Lodge, and having since that time made frequent requests to be again proposed, and each request refused, therefore it is

Resolved,—That Mr A. Bax is guilty of having practised fraud upon Avon Lodge No 41, of the town of Stratford, and is therefore unworthy of being hailed as a brother; and further

Resolved,—That this Lodge formally prefer a charge against the said A. Bax in Avon Lodge No. 41, in accordance with article 29, page 90, Digest G. L. U. S., and article 19, page 89, and article 8, page 138.

Resolved,—That the foregoing report, preamble and resolution be adopted.

Respectfully submitted in Friendship, Love and Truth.

JAMES WOODYATT,
J. B. KING,
C. H. CLEMENT.

E. CHALCRAFT, Secretary Gore Lodge No. 34.
Correct copy. [L. S.]

(Copy.)

To Gore Lodge No. 34, Brantford, from Avon Lodge No. 41, Stratford.

DEAR SIR & BROTHER,—Please inform your Lodge, that at a regular meeting of our Lodge, Mr. Alfred Bax was suspended for three months for misrepresentation at initiation.

Yours in F. L. & T.,

C. DEARLOVE,
Sec'y Avon Lodge No 41

GORE LODGE, Brantford, July 23, 1868.

J. B. KING, Esq., R. W. Grand Sec. & Treas.

DEAR SIR & BROTHER,—I beg to inform you that Gore Lodge appeals to the Grand Lodge of Ontario against the decision given by Avon Lodge No. 41, Stratford, in the case of Gore Lodge vs. Alfred Bax. I send you herewith a copy of the charge preferred and evidence advanced, as also a copy of the decision and sentence inflicted by the said Lodge upon the said Alfred Bax.

I am, Sir and Brother,
Fraternally yours,
EDWIN CHALCRAFT,
Rec. & Per Secretary, Gore Lodge No. 34.

The account of the M. W. Grand Master, for printing and postage, amounting to $25.80, was read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The following was agreed to, on motion of Rep. J. J. Dyas, seconded by Rep. J. Noble:

Resolved,—That the Finance Committee take into consideration the payment of the Grand Secretary and Treasurer of this Grand Lodge for his services for the ensuing year.

On motion of Rep. J. Noble, seconded by Rep. C. E. Peirce, the following resolution was considered and adopted:

Resolved,—That it is imperative upon all officers of subordinate Lodges to commit the charges appertaining to their several offices to memory, as soon as practicable after their installation.

Rep. J. J. Dyas, from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee beg to recommend that the Grand Secretary receive the sum

of $50 for his services for the ensuing year. Your Committee find the account of Bro. H. McAfee, G. M., $25.80, correct, and recommend its payment.

Yours in Friendship, Love and Truth.

G. WALES, J. J. DYAS,
J. C. LINDOP, ROBT. BARBOUR,
JOHN McMATH.

Rep. C. E. Peirce moved to amend, by striking out ($50) fifty dollars in clause one, and inserting in its place one hundred dollars ($100).

Rep. William Bissell moved, in amendment to the amendment, that the sum of seventy-five dollars be inserted.

By consent of the Grand Lodge, the further consideration of the report was laid over until the afternoon session.

James Smith, P. G. M., being deputized by the several committees, asked the Grand Lodge if it was just, that the Grand Lodge should hold its sittings while the committees are in session; whereupon the chair declared an intermission of 30 minutes.

The Grand Lodge resumed business at 11 o'clock.

Rep. S. G. Dolson, from the Committee on Appeals, reported as follows:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

1. We, your Committee on Appeals, beg to report that we have investigated the appeal of Bro. T. Lawless, of Excelsior Lodge No. 44, against the decision of D. D. G. M. Ferguson, in refusing to install him into the office of Vice Grand, after having been duly elected by the said Lodge—his election having been protested against, on the ground of his not having served two terms in a subordinate office.

On reference to the Digest G. L. U. S., page 108, sec. 31, and page 82, sec. 14, we find that Bro. Lawless is entitled to said office, and we therefore support his appeal.

Bro. D. D. G. M., J. W. Ferguson, taking the Constitution of this Grand Lodge for his guide, which states that a brother must have filled the office of Secretary, or have served two terms in a subordinate office before being eligible for V. G., had no alternative but to refuse to install him; but the law of the Grand Lodge of the United States being supreme over any subordinate Grand Lodge, we declare Bro. Lawless duly elected and entitled to the office.

2. On the appeal of Gore Lodge No. 34, in the case of A. Bax, we find that on being questioned, previous to admission and initiation into Avon Lodge, he stated that he sometimes stayed in one place and sometimes in another, but that he intended to make Stratford his home; and we further find, that on the representation of Gore Lodge that he has practised fraud, for the purpose of gaining admission into the Order, a formal charge was preferred against him, and upon trial was found guilty, and suspended from the Order for the term of three months.

On reference to Digest, page 89, sec. 19, we find that Avon Lodge proceeded in due form and punished him, for having practised a fraud on the Lodge; at the same time, we would caution the members of Avon Lodge to be more careful in the future, with regard to residence and reception of candidates.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

SAMUEL G. DOLSON, JOHN SMITH,
R. J. C. DAWSON, R. KIRKPATRICK,
G. E. WARD.

On motion of Rep. W. N. Ford, seconded by Rep. R. Barbour, that the report be adopted; it was moved in amendment by Rep. H. C. Bingham, seconded by Rep. G. Wales, that the report be taken up and considered clause by clause, which was agreed to.

Moved by Rep. J. J. Dyas, seconded by Rep. J. H. Stewart, that

the 1st clause of the report be adopted, relative to the appeal from Bro. Lawless of Excelsior Lodge No. 44

The yeas and nays being called for, were recorded as follows:

YEAS,—Representatives Dolson, Kirkpatrick, Dawson, Peirce, McGregor, Ward, Smith, and Blume—8.

NAYS,—Representatives Wales, McMath, Powell, Abbott, Noble, Bingham, Dennis, Bell, Barbour, Ford, Bissell, Gibson, Irwin, Stewart, Dyas, Lindop—16.

And the clause was declared negatived.

Moved by Rep. H. Gibson, seconded by Rep. G. Powell, that the 2nd clause of the report be adopted, relative to the case of A. Bax, of Avon Lodge.

Moved by Rep. J. J. Dyas, seconded by Rep. Geo. Wales, in amendment, that the 2nd clause of the report be struck out, and the following substituted, viz.: That the case be referred back to Avon Lodge for a new trial; which was not agreed to.

Report, as amended, adopted.

Moved by Rep. R. J. C. Dawson, seconded by Rep. R. Barbour, that we adjourn.—Carried.

INGERSOLL, August 6th, 1868.

The Grand Lodge opened in due form, by the M. W. Grand Master, H. McAfee.

Present:—Henry McAfee, M. W. Grand Master; John Barr, R. W. D'y Grand Master; Edmund Beltz, R. W. Grand Warden; J. B. King, R. W. Grand Sec'y and Treas.; James Woodyatt, R. W. Grand Representative; Wm. Mowat, R. W. Grand Conductor, James McIntyre, R. W. Grand Marshall, and a quorum of Representatives.

Rep. S. G. Dolson, from the Committee on the state of the Order, submitted the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:

The Committee on the State of the Order have to report their approval of the efforts of the Grand Master and Grand Secretary to secure an Act of Incorporation for our Order in this Province, regretting only that they were unable to effect the object we so much desire and need.

They are happy to learn for once, from the Grand Master's Report, that the D. D. Grand Masters have been punctual and efficient in the performance of their duties, and especially so in furnishing minute reports to him of the affairs of their respective jurisdictions.

They find, on examination of the record of membership in this Province, that, for the first time in our history as a Grand Lodge, we are now entitled to two representatives in the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, and have great pleasure in advising that an additional representative be elected to that position.

Your Committee cannot at present advise the adoption of the Grand Master's suggestions in relation to the Manchester Unity of Odd Fellows; not because we do not desire to effect an affiliation with the membership of that Order, for this Grand Lodge has repeatedly for years past given abundant evidence of its cordial feeling towards that Order, but because all efforts in the past have been unsuccessful and we can offer no further inducements than formerly. Your Committee can only re-affirm the good wishes of this Grand Lodge, and assure the membership of the M. U. that the propositions heretofore made are still open for acceptance.

Your Committee deem it impracticable to adopt the Grand Master's recommendation with regard to a special effort for opening new Lodges.

The petition of members of the late Thames Lodge, with regard to resuming their Charter, we deem more appropriately the business of the Committee on Petitions, and advise that it be so referred.

Your Committee are pleased with the interest manifested by the M. W. Grand Master in visiting the Lodges in his jurisdiction, and also with the fraternal reception invariably extended to him.

In conclusion they beg leave to move the adoption of the foregoing report.

S. G. DOLSON, H. C. BINGHAM,
J. W. FERGUSON, GEO. POWELL, Sr.
GEO. IRWIN.

Rep. H. C. Bingham moved, seconded by Rep. W. A. Moore, the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved,—That a Committee on Printing be now appointed, and that it hereafter be one of the regular committees of this Grand Lodge.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed H. C. Bingham, P. G. M., Rep. T. Partridge, and Grand Secretary and Treasurer, J. B. King, as the Committee on Printing.

Rep. J. W. Ferguson, from the Committee on Petitions, presented the following report, which on motion of Rep. Geo. Irwin, was taken up clause by clause :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F. :

Your Committee on Petitions beg to report, that they have given the several items referred to them due consideration, and submit the following as the result of their deliberations.

1. In reference to the institution of Dominion, Otter and Canada Lodges, your Committee approve of the action of the M. W. Grand Master in the premises.

2. On clause 6th of the Grand Master's Report, your Committee would express their regret that any circumstances should have arisen to mar the harmony that should always reign supreme in all our Lodges ; but a difficulty having arisen, it is best that the brothers aggrieved have withdrawn, when they could no longer work in unison with the Lodge.

3. On clause 20 of the Grand Master's Report, your Committee approve of the course taken in the point of law, but regret that the same course of action was not taken in the case of other applications. In this particular case your Committee would recommend, that if the consent of Canada Lodge can be obtained, that the Grand Master or Grand Secretary, if satisfied with the standing of the petitioners, grant the prayer of the petition.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. W. FERGUSON, JAS. H. STEWART,
GEORGE H. DENNIS, ROBERT BARBOUR,
GEO. POWELL.

Clause one considered and adopted.

Rep. H. C. Bingham, on motion to adopt clause two, moved to strike out all of clause two after the words, "in all our Lodges," which was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. J. W. Ferguson, on motion to adopt clause three, moved to strike out all of clause three after the word "Law," in the second line, which was adopted, and the report as amended was adopted.

Rep. Thos. Henderson, seconded by Rep. H. Gibson, submitted the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Legislation :

Resolved,—That the opinion of the Grand Lodge be obtained as to whether the Noble Grand of a subordinate Lodge can compel the officers of his Lodge to wear the dress regalia of their respective offices, contrary to the wish of the Lodge.

Rep. H. G. Abbot, from the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, submitted the following report and resolution, which was on motion adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F. :

We, your Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, beg to submit the following table and resolution, viz. :

Name of Lodge.	No.	No. of Miles Travelled	No. of Reps.	Rate per mile.	Amount of Mileage.	No. of Days.	Rate per Diem.	Total of Mileage and per Diem.
Brock	9	606	1	4 cts	$24 24	2	$2 00	$28 24
Union	16	178	3	.....	7 12	...	....	33 36
Chatham	29	168	2	.....	6 72	..	....	21 44
Eureka	30	40	3	.....	1 60	..	....	16 80
Erie	33	60	2	.....	2 40	..	....	12 80
Gore	34	70	2	.....	2 80	..	....	13 60
Samaritan	35	—	2	....	—	...	....	8 00
St. Marys	36	100	2	.....	4 00	..	....	16 00
Forest City	38	40	3	.....	1 60	..	....	16 80
Avon	41	124	2	.....	4 96	..	....	17 92
Excelsior	44	114	2	.....	4 56	..	....	17 12
Frontier	45	260	5	.....	10 40	..	....	43 20
Mount Zion	46	112	1	....	4 48	..	....	8 48
Unity	47	113	1	....	4 56	..	....	8 56
Dominion	48	40	2	....	1 60	..	....	11 20
Canada	49	194	1	....	7 76	..	....	11 76
Otter	50	30	1	....	1 20	..	....	5 20
Grand Officers Present.								
Grand Master	—	260	—	.....	10 40	..	....	14 40
Deputy Grand Master	—	114	—	.....	4 56	..	....	8 56
Grand Warden	—	40	—	....	1 60	..	....	5 60
Grand Sec. and Treas.	—	70	—	...	2 80	..	.....	6 80
Grand Rep. to G. L. U. S.	—	70	—	.....	2 80	..	....	6 80
Conductor	—	124	—	....	4 96	..	.....	8 96
Marshall	—	—	—	—	—	..	....	4 00
		2927	25					345 90

The foregoing table is made at four cents per mile, and two dollars per Diem.

In conclusion, your Committee beg to submit the following resolution, viz. :

Resolved.—That the foregoing report be adopted, and that the Grand Master do issue orders on the Grand Treasurer, in accordance therewith, in favor of the Officers and Representatives :

JOHN WRIGHT, THOS. HENDERSON,
JOHN NOBLE, H. G. ABBOTT,
J. G. DODD.

Rep. T. Partridge, from the Committee on Returns, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:

We, your Committee on Returns, beg to report, that we have examined the returns of all the subordinate Lodges in this Jurisdiction, with the following result, viz.:

Union Lodge No. 16, and Chatham Lodge No. 29, we find correct.

Eureka Lodge No. 30—Names of suspended members omitted.

Forest City Lodge No. 38, Erie Lodge No. 33, Samaritan Lodge No. 35, and Gore Lodge No. 34, we find correct.

St. Mary's Lodge No. 36—Return one member too many.

Avon Lodge No. 41, we find correct.

Excelsior Lodge No. 44—Mistake in membership by subtracting in December report.

Unity Lodge No. 47—June report incorrect, in showing 54 members instead of 50, and a decrease of membership of one on account of trial.

Frontier Lodge No. 45—June report lacks the return of membership per last report.

Mount Zion Lodge No. 46, Canada Lodge No. 49, Dominion Lodge No. 48, and Otter Lodge No. 50, we find correct.

All of which is respectfully submitttd.

T. PARTRIDGE, ISAAC SMITH,
W. A. MOORE, JOHN WRIGHT,
JAMES BIRD.

Rep. J. W. Ferguson, from Committee on Credentials, submitted that they had examined the certificate of J. W. Bunning, P. G., of Forest City Lodge, and found it correct, and recommend that he be admitted to a seat in the Grand Lodge. Report adopted.

Rep. T. Partridge, from Committee on Returns, submitted the accompanying report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

The Committee on Returns, to whom were referred clause 15th of the Grand Secretary's report, having duly weighed the matter, are of the opinion that the Grand Lodge has a right to demand a detailed report of the financial affairs of all their subordinate Lodges, and would therefore recommend that in future steps be taken to enforce the same.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

T. PARTRIDGE, JAMES BIRD,
W. A. MOORE, ISAAC SMITH,
JOHN WRIGHT.

Rep. J. W. Ferguson, from the Committee on Petitions, submitted the following supplementary report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the communication of Representatives Gibson and Henderson, in reference to the re-organization of Thames Lodge, beg to report, that they have no information before them as to whether the present applicants for re-organization took part in the former surrender of their Charter; they would therefore recommend that the application be referred to the M. W. Grand Master and Grand Secretary, to act in the premises as in their wisdom they may think best.

Submitted in F. L. and T.

J. W. FERGUSON, ROBERT BARBOUR,
JAS. H. STEWART, GEO. POWELL,
GEO. DENNIS.

The following was agreed to:

Moved by Rep. J. W. Ferguson, seconded by Rep. J. McMath, that the Grand Lodge now proceed to the election of officers for the ensuing year.

The Grand Master appointed P. G. M.'s Jas. Smith and Jas. Woodyatt tellers; when the election of Officers was proceeded with, as follows:

P. G., G. Powell, Senr., nominated P. G., T. Partridge for Grand Master.
" J. W. Ferguson, " D. G. M., John Barr, "
P. G., Bro. John Barr, declared elected.
P. G., A. Purvis, nominated P. G., W. Mowatt, for Dep. Grand Master.
" W. Bissell, " " T. Partridge, " "
" J. Hunter, " " Jas. Heron, " "
P. G., T. Partridge, elected on 1st ballot.
P. G., R. Barbour, nominated P. G., W. Mowatt, for Grand Warden.
" J. J. Dyas, " " Jas. Heron, " "
P. G. M., Jas. Smith, " " J. W. Ferguson, " "
P. G., E. Beltz, " " R. Kirkpatrick, " "
" T. Healey, " " A. Purvis, " "

Rep. J. W. Ferguson declined the nomination. First ballot there was no election. P. G., James Heron, having the fewest votes, was dropped, and a second ballot taken, and again there was no election. P. G., A. Purvis, having the fewest votes, was dropped, and a third ballot had, which resulted in the election of P. G., Robt. Kirkpatrick, as Grand Warden for ensuing year.

P. G., C. E. Peirce, nominated P. G., J. B. King, for Grand Sec. & Treas.
" J. J. Dyas, " " J. W. Ferguson, "

P. G., J. W. Ferguson, declined, and J. B. King was re-elected by acclamation.

P. G., W. A. Moore, nominated P. G. M., H. McAfee for Rep. to G.L.U.S.
" A. Frew, " " R. Wigmore, "
" H. G. Abbott, " " S. G. Dolson, "
" J. G. Dodd, " " Wm. Bissell, "

The tellers declared a tie on first ballot, between P. G. M.'s, R. Wigmore and W. Bissell. Bro. W. Bissell withdrew from the contest, when a second ballot was had, which resulted in the election of H. McAfee, P. G. M., as second Representative to the G. L. U. S.

Rep. S. G. Dolson, from the Committee on Distribution, submitted the following supplementary report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:

We, your Committee on Distribution, have to report further:

That we have carefully revised the report of Rep. to the G. L. U. S., but find nothing requiring the investigation of committees of this Grand Lodge; at the same time we recommend it to the careful perusal of our entire membership, containing as it does a synopsis of the transactions of the highest authority of our Order.

SAMUEL G DOLSON, R. KIRKPATRICK,
H. C. BINGHAM, WM. BISSELL,
WM. C. BELL.

Rep. C. E. Peirce submitted the following, which was, on motion, allowed:

To the M. W. Grand Master, Officers and Representatives of the Grand Lodge.

At the request of Bro. Lawless, I beg to give notice that he will appeal from the decision of this Grand Lodge, to the Grand Lodge of the United States.

C. E. PEIRCE,
Rep. Excelsior Lodge No. 44.

Rep. J. Smith, seconded by. Rep. M. Blume, submitted the following:

Resolved,—That this Grand Lodge, at its next meeting, take into consideration the desirability of forming a Consolidated Widow and Orphans' Fund, to be placed under the management of Trustees appointed for the purpose.

The supplementary report of the Committee on Finance, which was laid over at the morning session, was now taken up and considered, when the amendment to the amendment by Rep. W. Bissell was declared carried.

There being a misunderstanding as to the question before the Grand Lodge, on motion of Rep. H. G. Abbott, the vote was reconsidered, when the amendment to the amendment was declared lost, and the amendment of Rep. C. E. Peirce, to insert $100 as the salary of the Grand Secretary and Treasurer for the ensuing year, was declared carried. Clause two of the report was adopted, and the report, as amended, was then adopted.

Rep. J. J. Dyas gives notice,—That at the next session of this Grand Lodge he will move that article 2, clause 4, of the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges be so amended as to read: "That one-third of the quarterly contribution be placed to the credit of the W. & O. Fund," instead of one-fifth," as it now reads.

Rep. S. G. Dolson, from the Committee on Legislation, submitted the following report, which was on motion of Rep. James Bird, taken up seriatim:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:

The Legislative Committee beg leave to report on the subject matter referred to them, as follows:

Clause 8.—In Grand Master's decision with regard to admission of members when in arrears, Committee say such brothers cannot be admitted, except with the consent of the N. G. Also, Grand Master's decision—

Clause 9, with regard to Excelsior Lodge voting to admit a member after his being refused admittance by order of the N. G., being illegal, is confirmed.

Grand Master's decision, clause 10, that the P. W. must be conferred upon candidate before retiring, is confirmed.

Clause 11.—Grand Master decides that it is only necessary to give the P. W. in the Lodge Room. The Committee say that both P. W. and explanation should be given.

Clause 12.—In the matter of appeals of P. Grands, where there is not a sufficient number of P. G.'s, that Scarlet Degree members may be appointed, this decision is approved.

Clause 16.—As to the office of Grand Treasurer, your Committee cannot recommend any change in the office as it stands, combined with that of Grand Secretary, for the present.

Clause 18.—Your Committee would say that Brothers holding unexpired withdrawal Cards, and being over 50 years old, cannot be again received into membership of any Lodge, according to our Constitution.

Clause 19—Recommending a revision of Constitution and changing Grand Lodge Seal and other papers, so as to harmonize with our new name as Grand Lodge of Ontario, is highly necessary, and we trust a special committee will be appointed to sit during recess, and report at our next meeting.

The matter referred to in Grand Secretary's Report in clauses 3, 4 and 6, in regard to granting of cards to Bros. James George and J. C. Lindop, and the withholding of card from G. Foster, on account of not having necessary evidence, is approved by the committee.

The communication received by this Grand Lodge, and referred to Legislative Committee, from our much respected and highly esteemed Brother, P. G., Richard Wigmore, wishing to know if he was entitled to the honors of Past Grand Master, having performed the duties of the office for about nine months, and then being obliged to resign the office in consequence of a new law being passed by our legislators, compelling all Chiefs of Police, and other subordinate officers, not to belong to any secret societies.

The Committee find, on referring to the Digest in regard to this matter, that where a Grand officer voluntarily resigns his office he shall not be entitled to the honors of said office; and whereas it is well known to you all that our worthy brother did not voluntarily resign the office, but was compelled to do so by this new law, we would therefore recommend that Bro. P. G., Richard Wigmore be and is hereby entitled to all the honors connected with the high and honorable position of a Past Grand Master.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

S. G. DOLSON, H. C. BINGHAM,
T. PARTRIDGE, WM. BISSELL,
R. KIRKPATRICK.

Rep. H. G. Abbott moved to adopt clause one.

Rep. W. N. Ford moved, in amendment, that clause one be stricken out, which was lost. The question recurring, on the motion of Rep. Abbott to adopt clause one, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clauses 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 were considered and adopted.

On the question to adopt clause 7, Rep. J. W. Ferguson moved to strike it out, which was lost. The question recurring on the adoption of the clause, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clauses 8, 9 and 10 were considered and adopted, and the report as a whole was adopted.

Rep. S. G. Dolson, from the same Committee, submitted the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:

The subject referred to in the Legislative Committee, on the motion of Rep. Henderson, whether the N. G. has the authority to compel the officers of his Lodge to wear their dress regalia. Answer, "Yes, he can, when they have no other regalia that is suitable or official for such officers."

S. G. DOLSON, WM. BISSELL,
T. PARTRIDGE, H. C. BINGHAM,
R. KIRKPATRICK.

Rep. H. C. Bingham, from the Committee on Printing, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Printing submit as follows: That there is nothing in a business way for their consideration, except that in looking over the various reports which are usually printed in our Journal, we find that it is expedient on

many accounts, that before submitting said reports for publication, they be carefully and closely condensed.

Fraternally submitted.

H. C. BINGHAM,
T. PARTRIDGE,
J. B. KING.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed Grand Rep. Bro. Jas. Woodyatt, P. G. M., S. G. Dolson, H. C. Bingham, Deputy Grand Master T. Partridge, and Rep. J. W. Ferguson, a Special Committee on Revision.

The following was unanimously agreed to, on motion of C. E. Pierce, seconded by James Smith, P. G. M.

Resolved,—That the hearty thanks of the officers and members of this Grand Lodge are hereby tendered to Samaritan Lodge, for the courteous and sumptuous manner in which it has entertained this Grand Lodge.

Moved by Rep. R. J. C. Dawson, seconded by Rep. H. C. Bingham, and—

Resolved,—That the sum of fifteen dollars be donated to P. G. M., Bro. W. H. Barnes, to assist him in defraying the expense consequent upon his attendance at this Grand Lodge.

Moved by Wm. Bissel, P. G. M.,—

Resolved,—That the next session of this Grand Lodge be held in London, on conditition that no supper is provided by the London Lodges on the occasion, and that they be requested to engage some lecturer to deliver a discourse on the principles of the Order.

Rep. John Smith moved in amendment.

That London be stricken out and Hamilton inserted.

The amendment prevailed, and the motion as amended was adopted.

W. H. Barnes, P. G. M., then, at the request of the Grand Lodge, installed the M. W. Grand Master elect, Bro. John Barr, into that important office.

The Grand Master then proceeded to install the rest of the officers elect into their respective offices, as follows :

P. G. Partridge, ...	M. W. D'y Grand Master.
" R. Kirkpatrick, ...	" Grand Warden,
" J. B. King, ...	" " Sec. and Treas.
" H. McAfee, ...	2nd R. W. G. Rep. to G.L.U.S.

The Grand Master then made the following appointments, and duly installed the brothers into the respective offices, viz. :

P. G. George Wales, ...	R. W. Grand Marshall,
" R. Barbour, ...	" " Conductor,
" John Noble, ...	" " Guardian.

The Grand Master, at the suggestion of the several Representatives, appointed the following District Deputy Grand Masters, viz. :

P. G. William Fitzsimmons, ...	Brock Lodge,
" J. G. Tait, P. G. M., ...	Union do
" William Smith, ...	Chatham Lodge,

"	T. Partridge,	Eureka, Forest City, Dominion,
"	W. A. Moore,	Erie Lodge,
"	C. H. Clement,	Gore Lodge,
"	George Dennis,	Samaritan Lodge,
"	Wm. N. Ford,	St. Mary's Lodge,
"	Charles Lee,	Avon Lodge,
"	C. E. Peirce,	Excelsior and Unity Lodges
"	James H. Stewart,	Frontier Lodge.
"	William Irving,	Mount Zion Lodge,
"	J. C. Lindop,	Otter Lodge,
"	M. Blume,	Canada Lodge.

Rep. John Smith, seconded by Rep. C. E. Peirce, submitted the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved,—That the Secretary be instructed to apply for the usual half fares to and from the Grand Lodge for the Delegates at the next Session.

Grand Rep. Woodyatt, being unwell, requested Bro. W. H. Barnes, P. G. M., to exemplify the secret work, who acceded to the request, and proceded to exemplify the unwritten work.

The following on motion of Rep. H. C. Bingham, seconded by Rep. H. G. Abbott, was adopted.

Resolved,—That the hearty thanks of this Grand Lodge are due, and are hereby tendered to P. G. M. Barnes, for the able and clear manner in which he exemplified the secret work. Carried unanimously.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted on motion of Rep. J. W. Ferguson, seconded by Rep. H. C. Bingham.

Resolved,—That the sincere thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to the retiring officers of this Grand Lodge, for the efficient manner in which they discharged the duties devolving on them during the past year, so much to the prosperity of the Order.

The following was agreed to :—Moved by Rep. C. E. Peirce, seconded by Rep. J. W. Ferguson, and

Resolved,—That the Grand Secretary be instructed to have four hundred copies of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge printed, for distribution to the different Officers and Representatives, and the State Grand Lodges.

On motion the sum of three dollars was granted to Bro. T. Simmons, the Janitor of the hall.

In accordance with the notice of motion given by Rep. Jas. Heron at the last session, the following, moved by Rep. R. J. C. Dawson, seconded by Rep. H. G. Abbott, was concurred in :

Resolved,—That for the future the appointed Officers of this Grand Lodge be paid mileage and per diem, the same as the elective Officers.

On motion, the Grand Lodge then adjourned, to meet in the City of Hamilton, Ontario, on the first Wednesday in August, 1869.

J. B. KING,
Grand Sec'y and Treas.

Fifteenth Annual Communication,

HELD AT THE

CITY OF HAMILTON, ONT., AUGUST 4TH AND 5TH, 1869.

HAMILTON, ONT., Aug. 4th, 1869.

Excelsior and Unity Lodges being in session, the M. W. Grand Master, Officers and members of the Grand Lodge were introduced and received with the honors, and tendered by the N. G. of Excelsior Lodge, the free use of the Lodge Room for the purposes of the session, in a short address, replied to by Grand Master Barr, on behalf of the Grand Lodge. Bro. T. Lawless, Past Grand of Excelsior Lodge, then read the following very eloquent address of welcome to the Grand Lodge:

Most Worthy Grand Master, Right Worthy Grand Officers and Members of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Ontario.

BRETHREN,—It is with feelings of pride and pleasure that I, in behalf of Excelsior Lodge No. 44, and Unity Lodge No 47, welcome you to our city and our Lodge Room. When last it was the duty and privilege of the "Brethren of our friendly Order" in the "Ambitious City" to welcome your Right Worthy Grand Body among them, Odd Fellowship in Hamilton was but in its infancy a mere sapling, as it were, contending for an existence against the elements of the social and moral atmosphere in which it grew. In the four years which have elapsed since that time, it has grown beyond the most sanguine expectations of even its best friends, and to-day, instead of extending to you the hand of a single weak Lodge, it is my privilege to stretch forth on behalf of two active and growing ones, the strong right arm of Brotherly Love, and grasp your hand with the grip of Friendship true. While congratulating ourselves upon the success which has attended the career of Odd Fellowship in this city, we feel that we should also congratulate your Right Worthy Grand Body upon the marked progress made in the numerical and financial strength of our beloved Order in this jurisdiction, as well as upon its establishment and extension in other jurisdictions within the boundaries of that great, glorious old Empire upon which the sun NEVER sets, and of which our Province is a portion. It is scarcely a year ago since the glad tidings was heralded through out the land that the Ancient Independent Order of Odd Fellows in Australia had, *en masse*, adopted our work, and joined hands with us in the great mission of human melioriation; and now, within the past three months, the news is wafted to us over the broad bosom of the Pacific, that the distant colony of New Zealand has added another link to the golden chain of Friendship, Love and Truth, which is destined to bind into one great universal Brotherhood 'all nations of men that dwell upon the face of the earth," by the

organization, on the 11th of March last, of a Grand Lodge in that Province. Casting our eyes up and down the broad expanse of the British Empire, resting them here and there upon Lodges of our beloved Order, witnessing the unparalleled success which is attending its labors, and the growing desire for a closer bond of union manifested by the other branches of the Odd Fellow family, gives rise to the lovely vision—yea, bids us hope that the day is not far distant when an Odd Fellow's card, no matter where issued, will be a sure passport for its owner into every Odd Fellow's Lodge beneath the broad canopy of Heaven—when there shall be but one name by which we shall be known, and that name--Odd Fellow.

It is but a few months since we celebrated the semi-centennary of the introduction of Odd Fellowship to the continent of America—since the jubilee song of our Order was wafted o'er hill and dale, from every quarter of North America, and even from the far-off islands of the sea. The half century that has elapsed since Wildey and his compeers unfurled the banner of our Order in the city of Baltimore, has marked an era of progress in Odd Fellowship, for which we fail to find a parallel in the history of any kindred society, and to which we all, and especially our brothers living in the neighboring Republic, may point with honest pride. The heartiness with which the "brethren of our friendly Order" in Ontario took part in the late celebration, forcibly illustrates the truthfulness of the profession that we are brothers—that whether we meet beneath the "Red Cross Flag" of Old England, or the "Star Spangled Banner" of Young America,

"The Golden Bands that Brothers bind
No hand on earth can sever;
The Golden Heart of Human kind
Pours out its wealth forever."

Most Worthy Grand Master.—Your Right Worthy Grand Body has come among us for the purpose of holding its Annual Communication - to review the labors of the past, and to take counsel together for future usefulness. May the God of the Widow and the Orphan be with you and watch over the deliberations of your session, that whatever plans you mature or business you transact, you will not for a moment lose sight of the great command of our Brotherhood, to "visit the sick, relieve the distressed, bury the dead, and educate the orphan"—that your aim may be to lay broad and deep the foundations of Brotherly Love in parts where now unknown--and that when you go hence to your homes and your Lodges, it will be with a broader, deeper, more abiding sense of the high and responsible obligations which you, in common which the rest of us, have taken at the altars of Friendship, Love and Truth.

And now Most Worthy Grand Master, on behalf of the Brotherhood in Hamilton, I extend to you, and through you to your Right Worthy Grand Lodge, the grip of Welcome, and pray that the Great Father of us all will be with you in your labors of Love.

Bro. Dr J. W. Ferguson, P. G., then read the annexed Poem :

WELCOME BROTHERS.

The ages with a mute adieu,
Take up their march along,
And on the realm of silence
Pass slowly, one by one.
Out from the misty morning
With its myths and scrolls of stars,
Files the dim procession of barren days,
Of heroes and mighty wars.

Here let us stand and question
What story do they tell?
How times recurred like a thrice-told tale,
How heroes fought and fell.
What speak they of garnered treasures
In the darkness gathered long?
Lo! one has saved but a sculptor's urn,
And one but a poet's song.

And one has despoiled a temple,
  And pilfered a soulless creed,
And one has made captive man's faith in God,
  And left him sore in need.
Another has followed a phantom,
  As a lover seeks a bride;
And the cast off gear of an age gone by
  Is worn by the next in pride.

The dwellers in time are weary
  With questioning to-day,
What thing do you bring to the waiting world,
  And what do you bear away?
Is it poor or unheroic,
  This age of throes and pains,
Of struggle and lofty sacrifice,
  And striking off of chains.

Might has its hour of faintness,
  Error its time to die;
Its hold is weak on the shrinking soul,
  'Twill loosen by and by.
From the face of the rising morrow
  The veil of cloud is torn,
And Truth, asleep through a weary night,
  Awakens with the morn.

Unsullied Order, holy
  Knights of the bloodless sword,
Fraternity whose kin is man,
  Whose leader is the Lord!
Bear up the hopes of millions,
  Throttle man's greatest curse;
Your strength is prayer, your weapon Love,
  Your field the universe!

From northern coasts where winter
  And summer join their hands;
From sunny climes, where amber waves
  Die on the golden sands,
You come with hearts united,
  And open arms, to wind
The triple tie of brotherhood
  Round all of human kind.

Beneath the blended Banners
  You gather, undefiled,
As round a common altar kneel
  The parent and the child.
Welcome, grave synod, Welcome!
  We feel one chastening rod,
And own one hope, one parentage,
  One purpose, and one God.

The Special Meeting of the Lodge then closed and the Grand Lodge was duly opened by the R. W. Grand Warden, by direction of the M. W. Grand Master.

The Most Worthy Grand Master then appointed the following Committee on Credentials, viz: Thos. Partridge, D. G. M.; J. B. King, Grand Sec. & Treas., and James Woodyatt, Grand Representative,

Thos. Partridge, D. G. M., from the Committee on Credentials submitted the following Report and Resolutions, which were on motion adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Credentials submit the following Report:

We find the Credentials of Representatives to this R. W. Grand Body, correct, from the following Lodges, viz:

JOHN WRIGHT, ...	*Rep. Brock Lodge,*	No. 9.
JAMES HUTCHISON, ...		
T. HEALY, ...	" *Union Lodge,*	" 16.
J. B. McINTYRE, ...		
JAMES BIRD, ...		
JOHN SCHNEIDER, ...	" *Chatham Lodge,*	" 29.
HENRY NORTHWOOD, ...		
GEO. POWELL, SR., ...	" *Eureka Lodge,*	" 30.
SAMUEL FLORY, ...		
JAMES HERON, ...		
PAUL HIDDEN, ...	" *Erie Lodge,*	" 33.
P. B. HATCH, ...	" *Gore Lodge,*	" 34.
H. C. BINGHAM, ...		
GEORGE DENNIS, ...	" *Samaritan Lodge,*	" 35.
J. F. MOREY, ...		
G. MARLATT, ...	" *St. Mary's Lodge,*	" 36.
J. KUNTZ, ...		
M. D. DAWSON, ...	" *Forest City Lodge,*	" 38.
R. J. C. DAWSON, ...		
T. A. TARRANT, ...		
JAMES SMITH, ...		
T. T. IRVING, ...	" *Avon Lodge,*	" 41.
JOHN GIBSON, ...		
J. W. FERGUSON, ...	" *Excelsior Lodge,*	" 44.
ROBERT EVANS, ...		
THOS. LAWLESS, ...		
JOHN BOWDEN, ...	" *Frontier Lodge,*	" 45.
ALFRED HAYES, ...		
WILLIAM IRVING, ...	" *Mt. Zion Lodge,*	" 46.
JOHN SMITH, ...	" *Unity Lodge,*	" 47.
ARCH'D FREW, ...		
MARK HILL, ...		
J. G. DODD, ...	" *Dominion Lodge,*	" 48.
J. J. DYAS, ...		
M. BLUME, ...	" *Canada Lodge,*	" 49.
WM. McNEIL, ...	" *Bissell Lodge,*	" 51.
HUGH BLAIN, ...	" *Covenant Lodge,*	" 52.
JNO. J. RAMSAY, ...		
THOS. McKEE, ...	" *Niagara Falls,*	" 53.

Your Committee submit the following resolution, viz.: That the above named Representatives be admitted to seats in this Grand Lodge as such; and those of them who have not yet obtained the G. L. Degree be instructed therein, except that in the case of the Unity Lodge No. 47, your Committee find from the Return that this Lodge is entitled to but two Representatives.

Your Committee also find the certificates of the following Past Grands correct, viz.:

P. G. F. WINKLER, ...	*Avon Lodge,*	No. 41.
" W. H. McELCHERON, ...	*Excelsior Lodge,*	No. 44.
" R. C. HOLBROOK, ...	"	"
" E. MILLER, ...	"	"
" C. W. KEMPSTER, ...	"	"
" R. C. COOPER, ...	"	"

We submit the following resolution, viz.: That the above named Past Grands be instructed in the Grand Lodge Degree.

T. PARTRIDGE,
J. B. KING,
JAS. WOODYATT,

Whereupon the Representatives and Past Grands named in the report were introduced by the Grand Marshal, and duly obligated and instructed in the Grand Lodge Degree, by the R. W, Grand Warden.

The roll of officers being called, the following were present:

John Barr, W. M. Grand Master; T. Partridge, R. W. Deputy Grand Master; R. Kirkpatrick, R. W. Grand Warden; J. B. King, R. W. Grand Sec'y and Treas.; James Woodyatt, Grand Representative; Henry McAfee, R. W. Grand Representative; George Wells, R. W. Grand Marshal; R. Barbour, R. W. Grand Conductor; John Noble, R. W. Grand Guardian. And also a quorum of Representatives.

The minutes of the last Session, as printed, was then, on motion of Rep. J. Heron, adopted.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. John Barr, then presented and read his Annual Report and Address, which was on motion referred to the Committee on Distribution.

GRAND MASTER'S REPORT.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:

Officers and Brothers:—Clause A.—Another year has passed away, and through the blessings of Divine Providence we are once more privileged to meet together for the purpose of reviewing our labors of the past, and legislate for the further advancement of our beloved Order; it therefore becomes my duty to render to you an account of my stewardship for the past year.

The past year has been one of prosperity. Three new Lodges have been added to our number; the increase of membership I will give a synopsis of at the end of my report.

In accordance with the requirements of this Grand Lodge, I submit my official acts for the year, and while doing so have much pleasure in informing the Lodge that I made an official visit to each Lodge in the jurisdiction, and that, on each of their regular meeting nights, so that I have formed a pretty accurate knowledge of the working of the Order throughout the Province.

Clause B.—Sept. 24.—Granted dispensation for the institution of Bissell Lodge No. 51, in the town of Mitchell, and requested our esteemed Brother, Thos. Partridge, D. G. M., to attend to same as soon as possible, as it was impossible for me to be present, whose report of this duty being performed I now lay before you.

Clause C.—Aug. 23.—Instructed Bro. J. B. King, Grand Secretary and Treasurer, to procure a new seal for Grand Lodge, on account of alteration of name; this has been attended to, and seal now in use.

Clause D.—Sept. 18.—Authorized Bro. J. B. King, Grand Secretary and Treasurer, to order 100 new Charters, to be printed by Messrs. Chewett & Co., Toronto, who offered to do the same for $60. I thought it as well to do this, as the old ones could not be altered to look well.

Clause E.—Oct. 6.—Authorized Bro. J. B. King, Grand Secretary

and Treasurer, to invest $500, Grand Lodge Funds, in Dominion Stock, which has been done.

Clause F.—Oct. 21.—Granted dispensation for the institution of Covenant Lodge No. 52, at Toronto. Bro. J. B. King, Grand Secretary and Treasurer, assisted by Bro. C. E. Peirce, D. D. G. M., duly instituted the Lodge and installed the officers. This report is laid before you.

Clause G.—Oct. 21.—Withdrawal Card granted to Bro. J. M. O'Connor, of late Thames Lodge, Mitchell. He had nothing to do with the breaking up of Thames Lodge, and was the principal party in starting Bissell Lodge.

Clause H.—Nov. 23.—Withdrawal Card granted to Bro. Henry Grey, from late Thames Lodge, on application of officers of Bissell Lodge No. 51.

Clause I.—Nov. 30.—Withdrawal Card granted to Bro. William McNeil, from late Thames Lodge, on application of officers of Bissell Lodge.

Clause J.—July 15.—Withdrawal Card granted to Bro. Christian Sackell, from late Thames Lodge, on application of Bro. J. M. O'Connor, Bissell Lodge.

Clause K.—March 15.—Withdrawal Card granted to Bro. McGregor, from late Rose Lodge, on application of H. McAfee, Grand Representative.

Clause L.—April 20.—Instituted Niagara Falls Lodge No. 53, at Clifton, assisted by a large deputation from Union Lodge No. 16, including P. G. M. Dolson, P. G. Purvis, P. G. M., H. McAfee, D. G. M. Partridge, and Grand Secretary, Bro. King. This Lodge is in good hands, and is sure to prosper.

Clause M.—The applications in each case for the institution of new Lodges, was signed by the requisite number of petitioners, accompanied by Grand Lodge fees, which was paid to the Grand Secretary, whereupon I issued the dispensations, and the Lodges were duly instituted, and hope the Grand Lodge will sanction and direct that Charters be granted to them, viz:

Bissell Lodge No. 51, Mitchell; Covenant Lodge No. 52, Toronto; Niagara Falls Lodge No. 53, Clifton.

OFFICIAL VISITS MADE DURING THE YEAR.

Clause N.—Feb. 25.—In company with Bro. H. McAfee, Grand Rep., visited Canada Lodge No. 49, and found them boldly pushing forward in the good cause.

Feb. 26.—Visited Chatham Lodge No. 29, accompanied by the same worthy Brother; working well and in a prosperous condition.

Feb. 27.—Visited Frontier Lodge No. 45, and was much pleased with the working of this Lodge; they are in a high state of prosperity, having just commenced the building of a new hall, which is to be completed next fall.

Feb. 28.—Visited Excelsior Lodge No. 44; steadily progressing in the good work.

March 2.—Visited Covenant Lodge No. 52, and was astonished at the rapid progress made since being instituted; the Officers are all well up in their work.

March 5.—Visited Gore Lodge No. 34, in company with a large party of Brothers from Excelsior and Unity Lodges; was highly

pleased with the working of its Officers, and the general prosperity of the Lodge.

March 9.—Visited Eureka Lodge No. 30 ; met with Bro. J. Smith, P. G. M., Bro. Wigmore, P. G. M., also Bro. Partridge, D. G. M. ; found this Lodge just as I expected—in a flourishing condition, and one of the bright stars in our Order.

March 11.—In company with Bro. Partridge, D. G. M., and Bro. H. Beltz, visited Mount Zion Lodge No. 46; they are progressing slowly but steadily in the good cause.

March 15.—Visited Forest City Lodge No. 38 ; there met Bro. Partridge, D. G. M., and Bro. Jas. Smith, P. G. M. ; this is one of the best Lodges in the jurisdiction.

March 17.—Visited Samaritan Lodge No. 35 ; found them in a very healthy condition, and progressing steadily onward.

March 22,—In company with Bro. Partridge, D. G. M., visited Otter Lodge No. 50 ; found Brothers taking a lively interest in the work, and progressing slowly ; about moving into their new hall, which I learn they have since done.

May 4.—Visited Niagara Falls Lodge No. 53, and was much pleased with the progress they were making, being so recently instituted ; Brothers well up in work.

June 23.—Visited Unity Lodge No. 47 ; this Lodge has made rapid strides, and now sends three Representatives.

July 5.—Visited and installed Officers of Bissell Lodge No. 51 ; highly gratified with the progress made, and interest taken in the Order by the members.

July 6.—Visited and installed Officers of St. Mary's Lodge No 36 ; in a flourishing condition.

July 7.—Visited and installed Officers of Avon Lodge No. 41 ; an old and strong Lodge, doing well.

July 20.—Visited Union Lodge No. 16 ; I need hardly say that this Lodge ranks second to none.

July 22.—Visited Dominion Lodge No. 48 ; progressing rapidly ; works well ; installed some of their Officers ; met Bro. Partridge, D. G. M., and Bro. Bingham, P. G. M.

July 23.—Visited Erie Lodge No. 33 ; progressing slowly.

July 27.—Visited Brock Lodge No. 9 ; this is the oldest Lodge in the jurisdiction, and although not the strongest numerically, consider themselves second to none in love for the Order ; they are fitting up a hall which will be a credit to themselves and the Order.

This closes my Official visits for the jurisdiction, and I can surely assure the Grand Lodge that the Order generally is in a flourishing condition.

APPEALS.

Clause O.—Appeal from Bro. W. H. McElcheron, P. G., Excelsior Lodge, against the decision of that Lodge regarding a charge which he preferred against Bro. Robert Magill, for conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow ; papers attached.

2nd—Appeal from Bro. McMath, Erie Lodge No. 33, against the action of said Lodge for expelling one, charged with conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow, in using funds of said Lodge ; papers attached.

3rd—Appeal from Unity Lodge No. 47, against refusal of D. D. G. M. Pierce to install Bro. Wm. Harper, P V. G., who was duly elected to the office of N. G., Bro. Frew, who was N. G., having resigned the office according to agreement with Bro. Harper, so that he, (Bro. Harper), might be elected.

I decided that Bro. Harper, being eligible to the office, and duly elected should be installed, and ordered that such should be done.

I consider that the action taken in this case by Unity Lodge is very far wrong, they are establishing a very bad precedent, and is the *second case* of the kind which has occurred in the same lodge, so that I could not but notice it in my report; I consider I would be wanting in the discharge of my duty to pass it over.

The case is this, Bro. Harper, who has passed through the V. G. chair is candidate for the office of N. G., he is elected, but resigns his election; the Lodge then elect P. G. Bro. Frew, who occupies the chair for the whole term except two nights, when he resigns his chair, as he states in his communication to that effect; that he does so as previously arranged—the object of course being that Bro. Harper filling the close of the term, viz.: *one or two nights*, gets the honor of the office. If this is constitutional by the laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States, then the sooner the law is changed the better. The previous case I understand, was something of the same nature. I leave the matter in your hands to say what should be done.

DECISIONS.

Clause P.—1st Ques.—In the absence of any Grand Officer or P. G. of the Lodge, is it legal for the N. G. to request another P. G. of a sister Lodge in the same jurisdiction to install a Brother to the office of Secretary?

Ans.—Yes.

2nd Ques.—In the event of said P. G. installing him, can the D. D. G. M. declare it illegal on his own responsibility?

Ans.—No.

3rd Ques.—Is it legal, in the absence of a P. G., to ask the N. G. of another Lodge to give the P. G.'s charge?

Ans.—Yes.

4th Ques.—Has the D. D. G. M. to announce himself at the door of the Lodge as such, or provided he comes in as any other member would do, is he at liberty to give his decision as D.D. G. M. without being asked to do so in that capacity?

Ans.—Not necessary for D. D. G. M. to announce himself at door of Lodge as such.

5th Ques.—Are there any other rules for installation of officers besides those laid down in the working books of the Lodge?

Ans.—None.

6th Ques.—Can a Lodge declare the office of Secretary vacant from absence of officer for two nights, and proceed to elect another to the office without receiving the written resignation of the brother holding such office?

Ans.—No. The officer must be absent four successive meetings before the office can be declared vacant, and then must have vote of Lodge, provided notice of such motion has been given at the regular meeting previous to that at which the vote is taken.

7th Ques.—Bro. W. S. Moore, D. D. G. M., Erie Lodge No 33, sends following question for decision: A brother of Erie Lodge No. 33, Mate of a schooner on the lakes, got a felon on his hand, suffered great pain and inconvenience, and paid out some money for medicine; also asked leave of the Captain to quit the vessel and go home, but the Captain preferred keeping him on board, and paid his wages as usual. Bro. claims two weeks' benefit from Lodge. Lodge declined to entertain the claim on grounds set forth in clause 22, page 17, of Digest. Was Lodge entitled to pay said benefits.

Ans.—That if brother was able to go about his usual duties, as laid down in the clause referred to above, he was not entitled to benefits; but if unable to do so, and can prove that such was the case, then Lodge was entitled to pay him his benefits.

8th. Ques.—Is the brother who has only held a subordinate office for two months, eligible for an elective office?

Ans.—No.

9th Ques.—If Constitution of Grand Lodge of Ontario conflicts with laws of Grand Lodge of United States, which is to be taken for our guidance?

Ans.—Grand Lodge of United States.

10. Ques.—Is a brother eligible for the office of V. G. who has served a full term of 26 nights in a minor office?

Ans.—Yes.

11th Ques.—Can a brother be nominated to an office without his being present, but has signified his willingness to accept?

Ans.—Yes

12th Ques.—In a newly instituted Lodge, is any charter member other than the Rec. Sec. eligible for the office of V. G., without having served two terms in office ?

Ans.—Yes ; any charter member is eligible for the chair of V. G. if the Rec. Sec. declines the position.

Clause Q.—I herewith beg to hand you circular received from Bro. Jas. L. Ridgely, R. W. Grand Secretary G. L. U. S., with reference to Regali which I had printed, and a copy sent to each Lodge in this jurisdiction.

Clause R.—I received a petition from Bro. J. J. Dyas, of London, requesting me to grant dispensation for the institution of Rebekah Degree Lodge in that City. This power was granted us at the last session of the Grand Lodge of the United States ; but I considered that this Grand Lodge ought to take action in the matter before dispensations could be granted, therefore I informed the applicant that the petition would have to lay over until this meeting. I now lay the petition before you, and trust you will take action, so that the charter can be granted.

Clause S.—I submit to you the different reports of the D. G. M Masters, so far as received. I am sorry to see that so few of them consider it their duty to attend promptly to sending these reports. I should hope in future that they will be more careful and prompt in reporting the state of their several Lodges in each of their districts.

Clause T.—I would recommend this Grand Lodge to take some more decided action with reference to the use of the charge books. I find, in making my official visits, that only a few of them make any attempt to commit them to memory. A few, I am glad to say, do work without them, but it is a very small number, and until we take some decided action compelling all officers to have their charges committed to memory before being installed into office, or at least within two weeks thereafter, that their office be declared vacant, and each D. D. G. M. to see the law strictly enforced, and a new election take place. A law such as this, in my opinion, is the only way of having the desired effect.

Clause U.—You are aware that a circular was sent to each Lodge recently, accompanied with draft of Rules and Regulations, to organize an Odd Fellows' Provident Association for this Province. I would ask that you give this your earnest consideration at this session. I think a Society of this sort will be of immense benefit to our Order. It will be the means of largely increasing our membership, besides keeping all members good on the books, as the benefits of the Society are only applicable to such as are in good standing.

Clause V.—I would call the attention of the Representatives to the publication in our midst of the *Canndian Star*, devoted to the interest of our dearly beloved Order, and hope each one will endeavor to increase the circulation, and thereby its usefulness. At the same time I would also recommend the claims of the *American Odd Fellow*, published by Bro. J. W. Orr, P. G. M., New York. This journal, I consider invaluable, and hope that brothers will continue to give the same their hearty support, and if possible increase the list of subscribers in Ontario.

Clause W.—I would call your attention to a great evil, which is gaining strength in our midst, and if some action is not taken, I am sure will seriously damage the interest of the Order. I allude to the

electioneering for officers both in the Grand and Subordinate Lodges. No election takes place but we see less or more of it; and what is the consequence? Brothers are elected to fill these honorable positions who are not qualified to fill them. Then Lodges must droop, and the best interests of the Order are sacrificed to enable a member to pass through the chairs. I hope you will give this matter your earnest consideration, and see if some means cannot be taken whereby we may overcome this evil.

Clause X.—I refer you to the Grand Secretary's Report for particulars of membership, &c.

Clause Y.—I think such a Report as this speaks for itself as to our prosperity; and while on this subject, I would recommend that this Grand Lodge appoint a salaried agent or special commissioner to visit the various localities in this jurisdiction where Lodges ought to be located, and I am convinced in my own mind that ere another year pass away we would number at least 50 Lodges, instead of only 20 as at present. Is this not what we all wish to see? I do not think the Grand Lodge funds can be put out at better interest than this. I know now of some dozen or more places that are preparing for a start, and by a little exertion on our part the end would be gained. Brothers, try this, and I feel confident of the result—in two years we would number 100 Lodges.

Clause Z.—You will see from the Grand Secretary's Report how the funds of the Grand Lodge have been invested, which I hope meets with your approval.

Clause &.—I would here suggest that if the members of Lodges would study more closely their Constitutions and By-laws, and the Digest of the Laws, both of this Lodge and the Grand Lodge of the United States, much of the correspondence might be dispensed with.

I beg to return my thanks to the Brethren for the exceedingly kind manner with which I have been received in my visitations; for the advice and help received from the brethren who have assisted; and in particular to the R. W. Grand Secretary and Treasurer, Bro. King, for his kindness and advice, and for the prompt manner in which he has responded to the calls I have made upon him. And now, in conclusion, allow me, in surrendering the trust which you so generously confided to me, to return thanks to one and all, and hope that some good may result to our Order for our labors of the past year in our prosperous condition throughout this jurisdiction. May the prosperity of the Order in this Province long continue!

Commending you all to the blessing and protection of our Heavenly Father, from whom all blessings flow,

I remain, yours fraternally,

JOHN BARR,
Grand Master.

The R. W. Grand Secretary and Treasurer, J. B. King, submitted his Annual Report, Statements of Receipts, Expenditure, and Statistical Table, &c., all of which was referred to the Committee on Distribution:

GRAND SECRETARY AND TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the M. W. Grand Master, Officers and Representatives:

BRETHREN,—Time, in its unceasing flight, has again brought us together in annual conference, and we have great cause for thankful-

ness that we have, as an Order, been permitted to add to the past the record of another year's progress in the cause of "Human benefaction."

I think that the statistics to be herewith submitted will bear me out in saying, that during no year of our history has Odd Fellowship in this jurisdiction made greater progress than during the past.

This day brings us to the time when I shall, for the third time, render you an annual account of my stewardship.

Those duties specially assigned me, by resolution at our last annual session, have been promptly attended to.

At the earliest practicable moment after the close of the last session, I asked for, and received tenders for printing the Journal of 1868. That of the BRANT EXPOSITOR being in every way satisfactory, was, by direction of the Printing Committee, accepted, and with all due despatch I compiled the minutes of the session, and had printed 400 copies (in pursuance of resolution of Rep. C. E. Peirce, page 330, Journal 1868) —copies of which were sent to all Officers, Past Grand Officers and Representatives of this Jurisdiction, as also to each of the State Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments in the United States.

1. The journal of the proceedings of the following State Grand Lodges have been duly received, an abstract from each of which will supplement this report, viz. :—Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado, California, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Kansas, Louisiana, Minnesota, Mississippi, Massachusetts, Maine, Michigan, Maryland, Missouri, New York, New Jersey, New Hampshire, Nebraska, Oregon, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas, Verginia and Wisconsin.

The resolution, instructing me to convey to Thos. Swinyard, Esq., the Manager of the G. W. R., the thanks of this Grand Lodge, for the courtesy of free return tickets to delegates attending the Session of 1868, was promptly attended to, and the resolution instructing me to apply to that gentleman for a like courtesy this year, has been carried out. His reply is as follows :

GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY, HAMILTON, ONT., 3rd June, 1869.

DEAR SIR,—In reply to yours of the 2nd instant it will give me pleasure to place you on the footing of other Conventions in this year, viz. :—Delegates to pay full fare going to place of meeting, and on presentation of a certificate in form annexed, return tickets will be issued at a quarter fare.

Yours respectfully,
THOS. SWINYARD,
Per J. B.

J. B. KING,
SECRETARY I. O. O. F.,
Brantford.

2. The subscription to the "American Odd Fellow" for one copy to each subordinate Lodge has been continued as per resolution, page 417, Journal 1868, and its influence is decidedly for good, and, as I believe, to a great extent, the Order owes its present very prosperous condition to the literature of the Order, would recommend that the subscription be still further renewed.

The correspondence of the past year has been very extensive, and as for as practicable has been promptly attended to. All of which is herewith submitted.

Three new Lodges have been instituted since our last session, viz : Bissell Lodge No. 51, at Mitchell, 15th Oct., 1868, Covenant Lodge

No. 52, Toronto, and Niagara Falls No. 53, at Clifton, April 21, 1869. All of which have sent in very encouraging reports.

3. Semi-annual returns have been received from all Lodges for both terms, ending respectively 31st December, 1868, and 30th June, 1869, a complete abstract form which will accompany this report. From the manner in which some of the returns are made up, I should judge that the Lodges have neglected to keep a duplicate of their returns, one of the principal errors being the number of members per last report. The necessity for correctness in this respect is very apparent, as upon it depends the reliability of our return to Grand Lodge U. S. As a partial remedy for this evil, I would suggest that the form of a semi-annual return be bound and furnished to Lodges at cost, and that it be part of the D. D. G. M's duty to see that the return is copied into this book before the Officers are installed or the P. W. given. But two Lodges report orphans in their charge, while a number of Lodges have two or more widows, some of whom have orphans. The whole amount paid for their relief is charged as paid for relief of widowed families, instead of a certain sum for widows, and a certain sum for support of and educating orphans. I beg to call the attention of the Grand Lodge to these matters.

4.,—The resolution relative to investing the surplus funds of this Grand Lodge has been carried out and the following investments made, viz :Dominion stock $500, Post Office Savings Bank $250, U. S. 5 20s.,200 premium on gold—133⅓—$166.13, total $916.13. The half-yearly dividend of 6 per cent. on the Dominion stock has been received.

The deposit in the P. O. Department Savings Bank is drawing interest at four per cent. The interest coupons—6 per cent. in gold—are still attached to the 5-20 bonds, due July 1st, 1869, and payable half-yearly.

5. The blank charters on hand for use of Lodges in this jurisdiction before the change of name was made, not being suitable for present wants, I obtained from Messrs. W. C. Chewett & Co., lithographers, by direction of the M. W. Grand Master one hundred copies, so altered as to meet present requirements.

On the 15th Nov. 1868, I received from J. L. Ridgely, Grand Cor. and Rec. Secretary, a number of forms of questions to be answered by subordinate Lodges in this jurisdiction, I at once distributed them, and immediately on their return forwarded them all to the Grand Cor. and Rec. Secretary, G. L. U. S.

6. A circular received from the R. W. Grand Lodge of Michigan, accompanied with a blank charter (sample), is herewith presented.

On the 4th May, 1869, I received from J. A. Kennedy, P. G. Sire, (and chairman of the committee appointed by the Grand Lodge of the United States on the celebration of April 26, 1869, the 50th or semi-Centennial Anniversary), a circular requesting me to send him a detailed statement of our doings throughout this Province on that occasion. As the best means of complying with that request, I issued a circular to the several Lodges, asking them to send me an account of their doings upon that day. Each Lodge responded promptly, and all the matter received I at once forwarded to Bro. Kennedy.

J. B. KING, GRAND SECRETARY AND TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE R. W. GRAND LODGE OF ONTARIO.

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1868.						
Aug.	6	To balance,			$1467	59
"		Cash, Mount Zion Lodge Supplies			2	00
Sept.	17	" Bissell	"	Charter fee,	30	00
Oct.	16	" Covenant	"	Charter fee,	30	00
"	22	" Gore	"	Supplies,	3	59
Nov.	5	" "	"	"	1	50
1869.						
Jan.	7	" Covenant	"	Percentage	21	47
"	13	" Bissell	"	"	16	30
"	15	" Canada	"	"	32	43
"		" "	"	Supplies	6	75
"		" Unity	"	Percentage,	23	92
"		" Union	"	"	41	20
"		" "	"	Balance of account		61
"	16	" Chatham	"	Percentage	30	61
"	18	" Gore	"	"	28	20
"		" Erie	"	"	24	00
"		" Mount Zion	"	"	11	00
"	19	" Brock	"	"	21	00
"		" "	"	Supplies,	3	00
"	22	" Excelsior	"	Percentage	24	17
"	25	" Forest City	"	"	59	00
"		" "	"	Supplies,	3	00
"		" Eureka	"	Percentage	50	80
"		" Dominion	"	"	19	47
"		" J. M. O'Connor, Card,				25
"	26	" Frontier	"	Percentage	42	74
"		" "	"	Supplies,	6	26
"	31	" Avon	"	Percentage	30	87
Feb.	3	" Samaritan	"	"	28	00
"		" "	"	Supplies,	2	00
"	24	" Otter	"	"	1	22
"		" "	"	Percentage	9	44
April	1	" Gore	"	Supplies,	4	50
"		" Bissell	"	"	4	50
"		" C. Sackell, of Thames Lodge, Arrears			1	75
"		" Half yearly dividend on Dominion Stock,			15	00
"		" St. Marys Lodge, Percentage			26	01
"		" Harmony Encampment, Cards			9	00
June	4	" Niagara Falls Lodge, Charter			30	00
July	9	" Gore	"	Percentage	27	10
"		" Bissell	"	"	22	90
"		" "	"	Supplies,	19	54
"		" Unity	"	Percentage	60	04
"		" Excelsior	"	"	40	96
"		" "	"	Supplies,	8	50
"		" Samaritan	"	Percentage	23	15
"	15	" Niagara Falls	"	"	24	11
"		" "	"	Supplies,	30	48
"		" Covenant	"	"	42	04
"		" "	"	Percentage,	32	02
"		" Canada	"	"	31	47
"	16	" Brock	"	"	20	86
"		" "	"	Supplies,	6	00
"		" Union	"	"	9	25
"		" "	"	Percentage,	34	17
"		" Chatham	"	"	26	77
"	17	" Eureka	"	"	50	10
"		" Forest City	"	"	68	94
"		" Dominion	"	"	28	16

July 19	"	Frontier	"	"	50 16
"	"	"	"	Supplies,	4 98
" 20	"	Erie	"	Percentage,	14 00
" 21	"	Mount Zion	"	"	14 62
"	"	"	"	Supplies,	6 44
"	"	St. Marys	"	"	4 50
"	"	"	"	Percentage,	25 20
" 27	"	Avon	"	On account Percentage,	20 00
"	"	Otter	"	" "	14 60
" 29	"	Canada	"	" "	13 75
" 30	"	Avon	"	Balance of Percentage	11 79
		Total,			$2956 36

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August 6.	By paid mileage per diem, session of 1868:			
"	"	Henry McAfee, G. M.,		$14 40
"	"	John Barr, D. G. M.,		8 56
"	"	Edmund Beltz, G. W.,		5 60
"	"	J. B. King, Grand Sec. and Treas.,		6 80
"	"	James Woodyatt, Rep. G. L. U. S.,		6 80
"	"	W. Mowatt, Conductor,		8 96
"	"	J. McIntyre, Marshall,		4 00
"	"	John Wright, Rep. of Brock Lodge No. 9,		28 24
"	"	S. G. Dolson,	do Union Lodge No. 16,	11 12
"	"	James Bird,	do do do	11 12
"	"	George Wales,	do do do	11 12
"	"	William Smith,	do Chatham No. 29	10 72
"	"	Isaac Smith,	do do do	10 72
"	"	R. Kirkpatrick,	do Eureka No. 30,	5 60
"	"	Geo. Powell, sr.,	do do do	5 60
"	"	H. G. Abbott,	do do do	5 60
"	"	John McMath,	do Erie No. 33,	6 40
"	"	W. A. Moore,	do do	6 40
"	"	H. C. Bingham,	do Gore No. 34,	6 80
"	"	John Noble,	do do	6 80
"	"	Geo. Dennis,	do Samaritan No. 35,	4 00
"	"	W. C. Bell,	do do	4 00
"	"	Robert Barbour,	do St. Mary's No. 36,	8 00
"	"	W. N. Ford,	do do	8 00
"	"	R. J. C Dawson,	do Forest City No. 38,	5 60
"	"	Thos. Partridge,	do do	5 60
"	"	William Bissell,	do do	5 60
"	"	Henry Gibson,	do Avon No. 41,	8 96
"	"	Thos. Henderson,	do	8 96
"	"	J. W. Ferguson,	do Excelsior No. 44,	8 56
"	"	C. E. Peirce,	do do	8 56
"	"	Wm. McGregor,	do Frontier No. 45,	14 40
"	"	George Irwin,	do do	14 40
"	"	J. H. Stewart,	do do	14 40
"	"	G. E. Ward,	do Mount Zion, No. 46,	8 48
"	"	John Smith,	do Unity No. 47,	8 56
"	"	J. J. Dyas,	do Dominion No. 48,	5 60
"	"	J. G. Dodd,	do do	5 60
"	"	Michael Blume,	do Canada No. 49,	11 76
"	"	J. C. Lindop,	do Otter No. 50,	5 20
"	"	H. McAfee, G. M. expenses,		25 80
"	"	W. H. Barnes, donation,		15 00
"	"	T. Simmons, Janitor,		3 00
"	"	J. Hale, expressage,		1 50
August 7.	"	do do		0 75
"	"	G. L. U. S. Rep. tax,	$150 00	
"	"	Supplies,	99 00	
			$ 249 00 less disc't,	181 14

August	12.	"	W. H. Barnes, impression seal,	12 04
"		"	Duties on do	1 85
"		"	Expressage on do	0 75
"		"	do on money from Windsor,	0 40
"		"	do on money to G. L. U. S.,	0 75
"		"	Letter book and ink,	3 00
"		"	Telegraph account,	4 03
"		"	Hamilton stage—parcel to G. M.,	0 30
"		"	Dominion stock, 1 per cent. premium,	505 00
"		"	Express to Rep. McAfee,	0 25
"		"	do to Bissell Lodge,	0 25
	19	"	Post Office account to 30th September, 1868,	8 70
Nov.	30	"	Printing propositsons and reports,	8 00
Dec.	4	"	Express charges on Journal G. L. U. S.,	3 15
"		"	Duties on do do	0 55
"		"	Express charges on charter,	0 75
	1869.			
Jan'y	1	"	Post Office account to date,	6 47
"		"	Express on cards from G. L. U. S.,	1 00
"		"	Duties do do do	1 60
	6	"	Stewart and Mathison, printing Journal, 1868,	84 75
"		"	do do Supplies,	15 25
"		"	do books for Covenant Lodge,	7 00
	15	"	W. C. Chewett, 100 charters,	60 00
	18	"	Discount on $250 silver at 4¼ per cent.,	11 25
	26	"	J. Sutherland, stationery,	12 55
"		"	Express from London,	0 30
"		"	do do	0 30
"		"	Stage package to Grand Master,	0 30
	27	"	Deposited in Post Office Savings Bank,	250 00
Feb'y	9	"	Express on supplies from G. L. U. S.,	1 50
"		"	Duties, do do	0 30
	17	"	Duties on Digests,	0 15
"		"	Express on do	0 75
March	1	"	Investment on U. S. 6-20's bonds, $200 gold, 133¾ premium,	166 13
	10	"	Treasurer's box,	2 25
April	1	"	Stewart & Mathison, printing registers,	32 00
"		"	A. D Clement, Post Office account,	6 34
June	1	"	Stewart & Mathison, books for N. Falls Lodge	7 00
"		"	Express on Odes from G. L. U. S.,	0 90
"		"	Duties on do do	45 00
"		"	J. W. Orr, "American Odd Fellow," seal, etc.,	33 86
July	1	"	A D. Clement, Post Office account to date,	6 25
	31	"	Grand Secretary and Treasurer's incidentals,	2 50
"		"	do do salary,	100 00
			Cash to balance,	1023 06
				$2956 36

ASSETS OF R. W. GRAND LODGE OF ONTARIO, JULY 31, 1869.

Amount of Stock on hand, as per statement	$195 95
Amount due by Subordinate Lodges	20 96
Invested in Dominion Stock,	500 00
Deposited in Post Office Savings Bank,	250 00
Invested in U. S. 5-20's, '62, $200	166 13
Interest Coupons attached to same, due 1st July, 1869,	6 00
Cash in hand,	1023 06
	2162 10
Assets last year,	1699 90
Increase	$462 20

STATEMENT OF STOCK ON HAND, JULY 31st, 1869.

1 Installation Book	$ 2 00
1 Institution Book	2 00
2 Degree Books, $3	6 00
4 Rebekah Books, at $2	8 00
3 Public Installation, $2	6 00
1150 Propositions for Membership, 2c	23 00
675 Reports on Character, 2c	13 50
355 P. G. and Rep. Certificates, 2c	7 10
56 Treasurer's Bonds, 5c	2 80
28 Blank Rules and Regulations, 10c	2 80
92 Travelling Cards, 25c	23 00
75 Withdrawal Cards, 25c	18 75
Charter Stone	52 50
Stationery	5 00
200 Odes (singing), 10c	20 00
175 Orders for Supplies, 2c	3 50
	$195 95

AMOUNTS DUE BY SUBORDINATE LODGES, JULY 31st, 1869.

Erie Lodge, No. 33,	$ 6 25
Unity Lodge, No. 47,	9 65
Dominion Lodge No. 48,	3 54
Otter Lodge No. 50,	1 52
	$20 96

RECAPITULATION.

Number	Initiated	484	
"	Admitted by Card	40	
"	Reinstated	14	— 538
"	Withdrawn by Card	67	
"	Ceased to be members, N. P. D	113	
"	Expelled	7	
"	Deceased	7	— 194
	Net increase		344
"	Of members as per last report		1418
	Actual membership		1762
	Of members in arrears (suspended and not suspended)		289
	Contributing members		1473
"	Of degrees conferred		1382
"	Of brothers relieved		111
"	Of widowed families relieved		15
Amount paid for relief of brothers			$1637 90
"	" " of widowed families		531 50
"	" Burying the dead		216 90
"	" Educating the Orphan,		161 90
			$2548 20
Amount	percentage received		$1183 77
"	Annual receipts		13280 59
"	Widow and Orphans' Fund		11232 27
"	General Fund		17473 39

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Abstract of the semi-Annual Returns of the Subordinate Lodges under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, for the year Ending 30th June, 1869.

LODGE.	No.	Initiated.	Admitted by Card.	Rejected.	Expelled.	Deaths.	Withdrawn by Card.	Reinstated.	Suspended.	Members in arrears not suspended.	Contribut'g Members	Ceased for N. P. D.	Degrees Conferred.	Widows Relieved.	Brothers Relieved.	Paid for Relief of Brothers.	Paid for Relief of Widowed Families.	Burying the Dead.	Amount paid for Educating Orphans.	Total Relief.	Amount of Annual Receipts.	Widow and Orphan Fund.	General Fund.	Am't of Percentage.
Brock	9	12	..	2	1	..	3	3	..	16	54	7	39	..	..	$ 33 00	120 00	.....	.....	$153 00	492 35	1186 57	327 65	41 85
Union	16	15	1	4	..	..	6	..	12	8	107	2	67	3	6	115 00	50 00	.....	.....	165 00	881 57	2750 89	1243 58	75 37
Chatham	29	26	1	2	..	..	3	4	6	30	54	6	68	1	3	24 00	40 00	.....	.....	64 00	643 40	639 76	425 43	57 08
Eureka	30	26	1	9	..	1	1	1	10	10	153	9	52	..	..	203 00	120 00	40 00	.....	363 00	1190 65	1605 68	1998 81	100 90
Erie	33	4	..	..	1	..	1	1	15	5	47	26	32	..	15	213 00	.....	.....	.....	213 00	309 68	587 00	670 41	35 15
Gore	34	22	..	2	..	..	2	1	2	11	60	4	80	2	3	19 50	29 00	.....	60 00	108 50	627 42	985 64	990 74	55 29
Samaritan	35	16	..	6	..	..	1	..	4	29	53	1	69	1	12	105 00	20 00	.....	.....	125 00	563 42	545 93	856 30	51 15
St. Mary's	36	15	..	3	..	..	1	4	1	20	60	1	27	..	4	30 00	.....	.....	.....	30 00	596 05	500 00	3822 44	51 21
Forest City	38	36	..	5	1	2	11	..	0	37	153	42	102	2	29	399 50	70 00	15 00	.....	484 50	1502 17	1356 14	3338 96	127 94
Avon	41	24	..	6	..	1	4	..	2	9	84	3	94	1	9	131 90	22 50	36 90	.....	190 80	717 91	300 00	675 00	62 66
Excelsior	44	19	3	1	..	..	4	..	..	15	109	..	74	2	2	109 00	50 00	.....	.....	159 00	746 00	285 65	443 83	65 13
Frontier	45	30	1	..	1	1	9	..	..	16	105	9	104	2	5	135 00	10 00	50 00	101 90	296 90	1064 98	149 92	1065 80	92 90
Mount Zion	46	16	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	5	36	2	32	..	4	20 00	.....	.....	.....	20 00	265 45	81 84	230 00	24 11
Unity	47	54	2	5	1	2	..	..	..	6	94	..	142	..	11	32 00	.....	60 00	.....	92 00	896 00	101 00	491 50	83 96
Dominion	48	19	1	1	..	..	2	..	..	6	64	..	53	..	5	43 00	.....	.....	.....	43 00	541 51	105 93	357 90	47 63
Canada	49	45	2	5	..	..	12	..	..	..	69	..	96	1	1	15 00	.....	15 00	.....	30 00	754 48	.....	537 74	70 60
Otter	50	13	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	11	26	1	34	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	270 50	85 76	101 00	24 04
Bissell †	51	30	9	3	..	..	1	..	..	..	38	..	102	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	411 73	20 97	100 00	39 20
Covenant†	52	44	12	2	..	..	2	..	..	2	52	..	60	..	2	10 00	.....	.....	.....	10 00	564 18	38 93	260 40	53 49
NiagaraFalls†	53	18	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	25	..	55	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	241 14	4 66	73 64	24 11
														15										
		484	40	56	7	7	67	14	51	236	1443	113	1382		111	1637 90	531 50	216 90	161 90	2547 70	13280 59	11332 27	17473 39	1183 77

† Instituted since last Session.

7. Certain forms used by subordinate Lodges have been for some time kept on hand (and the supply renewed as occasion might require), and sold to Lodges upon application ; but lately some Lodges have had their supplies printed, thereby taking a certain revenue from this Grand Lodge. I would suggest that all supplies ordinarily used by Lodges be gotten up by this Grand Lodge, and sold to subordinates at a percentage above cost.

8. The Constitution and By-laws of the following Lodges, viz., Gore 34, and Covenant 52, as also the amendment adopted by Mount Zion Lodge No. 46, are herewith submitted.

The account of the Grand Lodge of the United States for representative tax and supplies, amounting to $265.50, is herewith presented.

A circular from Grand Cor. and Rec. Secretary, J. L. Ridgely, relative to tickets to Representatives attending the Grand Lodge of the United States, is presented.

9. The receipts and expenditure of the past year is herewith submitted, an abstract from which shows there has been received from all sources the sum of $1488.77, as follows :

Charter Fees	$ 90 00
Percentage	1183 77
Supplies	200 00
Interest	15 00
	1488 77
Expenditure	1016 17
Increase	$472 60

The increased expenditure of this over former years is accounted for, partly by the increasing size of our Annual Journal, and partly by the change of name, which necessitated the procuring of new Seals, Charters, and sundry other forms. A detailed statement of all which accompanies this report, marked "A."

And now, Brothers, in concluding this report, I beg most sincerely to return to you, one and all, my hearty thanks for the courtesy and forbearance I have met at your hands. To the Officers of the Grand Lodge I am particularly indebted for timely advice and assistance. The official intercourse of the past year has been most pleasant and instructive to me, and I trust the same to those with whom I have had the pleasure of corresponding.

All of which is respectfully submitted in F. L. & T.

J. B. KING,
Grand Sec'y and Treas.

Grand Representatives, James Woodyatt and Henry McAfee, then submitted their Annual Report, which was, on motion of Rep. James Smith, referred to the Committee on Distribution :

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES' REPORT.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

Officers and Brothers,—Your Representatives attended the session of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, held in the city of Baltimore, commencing on Monday the 21st September, 1868, and continuing in session for six days.

All the Grand Officers (except the R. W. Grand Chaplain, who was detained by illness on the way), and Representatives from every juris-

diction were present—one hundred and ten Representatives answering to their names. Grand Chaplain, I. D. Williamson, in his letter to the Grand Sire announcing his inability to be present, speaks so affectingly, that we desire every member of the Order should hear his words. He wrote:

"My ardent desire is, while I live, to serve the Order that I have loved so long and so well; and when I die I want to die with the harness on. Please, therefore, do not *count me out* yet, but get some brother to officiate for me *pro. tem.*, until it shall be definitely settled whether or not it will be possible for me to reach Baltimore during the session. Please bear a message of love from me to the brothers who shall assemble at this Annual Session, and say to them that in the day of weakness and suffering my love for them and for the great principles in furtherance of which they are laboring is deepened and quickened; and looking back from old age through the labors of a busy life, there is no part of those labors upon which I look with a more calm and deep satisfaction than upon that which has been devoted to the interests of our beloved Order. And if in the course of Divine Providence this should be the last message from me, my last words to them are, *be ye faithful even unto the end.*"

The M. W. Grand Sire submitted his Report, in which he said: The past year has more fully developed our greatness; from nearly every jurisdiction comes up the sound of rejoicing; our altars burn brightly, and the incense therefrom is scattered abroad so profusely that the attention of the good and virtuous is called to, and they are compelled to take cognizance of the great benefits resulting to mankind from our united efforts to promulgate our great principles. Acknowledged everywhere as an established Order, our cause has taken deep root in the human heart, and we have but for the future to reap the fruits planted by the early pioneers of our Order. Surely we have great cause for congratulation to ourselves; and especially should we at the commencement of our Annual Session, render devout thanks to the ever living God for the many blessings that we, as an Order, have received at His hands, and beseech Him that His face may not be turned away from us. From the reports of the R. W. Grand Secretary and Treasurer, it will be perceived that never since our existence as an Order have we received, in one year, so numerous a body of members into our fold; nor is this increase confined to any particular jurisdiction; all seem to have enjoyed the fruits of prosperity, and from nearly every jurisdiction comes up the glad sounds of victory. The number of members received the past year into our Subordinate Lodges exceeds forty thousand. Nor should we be ashamed of the men who have been received among us; from numerous visitations made during the past few years, I have been forcibly impressed that we are adding such strength to our numbers that they will be felt in time to come; men who have learnt our principles, who have seen our work in the world, and are convinced that Odd Fellowship is a reality, and thus being convinced, they have given us the benefit of their counsel, help and countenance. The growth is a healthy one, and will, I am sure, endure to the end. The finances of our Order, not only in this Grand Lodge, but in our subordinates, never were in better condition; our treasuries are augmenting, and everywhere peace and prosperity in our Order is the standing word.

The Grand Sire urged upon the members the advisability of using the public Press in giving accounts of annual and other meetings.

He also reported that under the guidance of Special Deputy, Bro. Meacham, the Grand Lodge of Victoria, in Australia, had adopted the work of our Order, thus bringing to our standard about four thousand members.

The following decisions were made by the M. W. Grand Sire during the year, which were all confirmed by the Grand Lodge, viz :

1. The Seal of a Lodge or Encampment is in the official care of the Secretary or Scribe. They have no right to use the same, except as authorized by their Lodge or Encampment, or in the legitimate business of the Lodge or Encampment when it may be necessary to use the Seal.

2. A Certificate to authorize a Brother to receive his Degrees away from the location of his Lodge, can only be granted by application to his Lodge at a regular session. When open as a Degree Lodge, the application cannot be made.

3. A Brother in possession of a travelling or visiting Card, is not thereby deprived of holding office, or of his rights as a member of his Lodge.

4. Travelling or visiting Cards are only intended to be used by a brother when travelling or visiting beyond his State jurisdiction. The A. T. P. W. cannot be used by a brother while visiting a Lodge within his own State, and a N. G. of a Lodge within the same jurisdiction would be justified in refusing to admit the brother unless he has the P. W. of the term.

5. The R. H. S. of the N. G. temporarily occupying the N. G. chair, has no right to authorize a brother to confer the term-word upon another brother of the same Lodge to enable him to visit other Lodges.

6. There is no such rule in the Order "as to change the place of trial of the brother." He must be tried in the Lodge or Encampment where he is a member, and where the charges are preferred. No other Lodge or Encampment has jurisdiction in the matter.

7. A D. D. G. Sire has no right, by virtue of his office, to take the C. P.'s chair in an Encampment. He can only take such chair when surrendered to him for installation of the Officers.

8. A brother holding a travelling or visiting Card is entitled in visiting to use the A. T. P. W. in force at the time his Card was granted.

9. An Officer elected cannot be installed in office by proxy.

10. A Special Deputy appointed to institute a Lodge or Encampment, fulfils his duty when such Lodge or Encampment is instituted, and he has made report of the same.

11. All members of the Order are in duty bound, while in their Lodge or Encampment, to be governed by the well known usages of the Order, and in case of their refusal it is proper to prefer charges against them for conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow. No member can claim indulgence on account of his official position in the Order.

The R. W. Grand Secretary submitted his Report, a most able and valuable document, giving extracts from the reports and letters received from the several jurisdictions, showing that with scarce an exception most gratifying results have been reached during the year.

The total receipts of the Grand Secretary for the year were $29,630.86, being composed of the following items, viz :

Cards	$8697 29
Books	7466 57
Representative Tax	8025 00
Balance	840 84
Diplomas	2295 00
Dues	574 79
Charters	120 00
Odes	1383 10
Miscellaneous	229 27
	$29630 86

The extracts from the reports of the several State Jurisdictions will well repay a careful perusal. In conclusion of his report, the Grand Secretary said :—"Thus have we built upon the foundation laid in 1819, a superstructure whose lofty dome towers heavenward, opens wide its portals to the weary and careworn, and cordially invites the good and true to co-operative labor in aid of suffering man. While our hearts swell with just pride in the review of our labors and their fruits in fifty years, and our imagination, taking wings and vaulting into the great future, fifty years hence, looks out upon the scene then existant, let us not be led to exultation ; let us never forget that it is God who hath given us the victory, that it is His wisdom which has guided our counsels, His Providence which has shielded us from external danger and saved us from internal dissensions, by the inspiration of a unity and concord which challenges comparison in the affairs of men. Let us thank Him earnestly for an enlightenment which has lifted us often in advance of the age in which we have acted, and which has supplied us a nerve and energy so effective as to enable us to counteract ignorance and prejudice, and to overcome the vexatious delays and hindrances which these weapons have often interposed in our path ; and above all, let us thank Him for the magnitude and value of our offering upon the great altar of humanity."

The R. W. Grand Treasurer submitted his report, showing a total of disbursements during the year of $31,684.35. And that the total assets of the Grand Lodge are $29,325.82, a gain of $563.61 during the year.

On the second day of the session, as provided by law, the election of Grand Officers took place, resulting in the choice of E. D. Farnsworth, of Tennessee, as M. W. Grand Sire ; Fred. D. Stuart, of District of Columbia, R. W. Deputy Grand Sire ; James L. Ridgely, of Maryland, R. W. Grand Secretary ; Joshua Vansant, of Maryland, R. W. Grand Treasurer.

The Legislative Committee submitted the following Resolution, which was adopted, viz : That where all the brothers who may cast black balls against an applicant for membership voluntarily make a motion for a reconsideration of the ballot, the same may be reconsidered, and in such case the vote on the reconsideration shall be by ball ballots ; and if all the votes cast shall be in favor of it, the reconsideration shall be had ; whereupon the application shall lie over till the succeeding meeting, when another ballot shall be had with ball ballots, and if the same be unanimously in favor of the applicant he shall thereby be elected ; but if one or more black balls appear in either ballot, the applicant shall be rejected ; and in no case shall a reconsideration be had except upon the voluntary motion of all those who cast the black balls ; and never more than one reconsideration in the same case shall be allowed. And provided always, that such reconsideration shall be had within the four meeting nights next succeeding the rejection.

The following, from the same Committee, was adopted, viz : That any State Grand Lodge be and is hereby authorized to confer the Grand Lodge and Past Official Degrees upon Past Grands of another State Jurisdiction upon the presentation of a Visiting Card from their own Lodge, and also a Certificate executed by the Grand Master and Grand Secretary under the seal of the Grand Lodge to whose jurisdic-

tion such Past Grands belong, that they are eligible and entitled to the same.

The Committee on Appeals submitted the following report upon the appeal of Past Grand C. E Peirce, which was adopted, viz. :—The Grand Lodge of the United States has, however, legislated upon this subject, and declared that twenty-six nights' service as an inferior officer is a sufficient qualification for the chair of Vice Grand ; provided of course the brother has attained to sufficient degrees, and is otherwise competent. This is the Supreme law, and it appearing clearly that Bro. Lawless has rendered the necessary service in an inferior office, has attained the required degrees, and was otherwise competent, your Committee conclude that he was eligible and entitled to be installed into the office of Vice Grand, and that the Grand Lodge of Ontario erred in not sustaining his appeal ; we therefore recommend for your adoption the following resolution :—*Resolved*,—That the appeal of Past Grand C. E. Peirce, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, be, and the same is hereby sustained.

On report from the Committee on the State of the Order, the following was adopted, viz. : *Resolved*,—That when a financial officer of a subordinate Lodge refuses to settle his accounts, and deliver all monies, books and papers belonging to the same, over to the Lodge, he cannot, of right, demand a Card of Clearance and a Lodge may refuse to grant such Card until the brother's accounts are adjusted, and the Lodge is satisfied that he is clear of the books and free from all charges of whatsoever kind.

The following was also adopted, viz. :—The Committee on the State of the Order having had under consideration the query from the jurisdiction of Ontario, submitted by Rep. Woodyatt, in the words following, to wit : What is the position in the Order of a brother who is over fifty years of age holding a Withdrawal Card less than one year old ; can he be admitted to membership by any Lodge, or is legislation in the matter required ?—Beg leave respectively to report, that in the opinion of the Committee, the subject matter contained in the query is one for local legislation.

The Committee on the State of the Order, with a view to devising some general plan or system by which Lodges paying their members sick benefits can adjust their dues so as to meet the demands made upon their treasury without impoverishing them, submitted a series of questions to be answered by the several Lodges (see pp. 4381 and 4382), copies of which have been forwarded to each Lodge.

On the subject of the Degree of Rebekah, a special committee reported, recommending that the Grand Lodges subordinate to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States be, and they are hereby authorised and empowered to institute Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah at such places as they may deem proper within their territorial limits ; to possess the powers and enjoy the privileges following. (See Journal pp. 4383 and 4384). The report was adopted.

The Committee on the State of the Order, on the question of admitting to membership persons who have lost an arm, reported the following resolution, which was adopted, viz. :

Resolved,—That the question of eligibility to membership into the Order by initiation, of persons who have lost a limb, be, and the same is hereby remitted

to the jurisdiction and disposal of the subordinate Lodges to which admission is asked.

The Special Committee on book of forms submitted the following resolutions, which were adopted, viz. :

Resolved,—That the forms as prepared by the Grand Secretary, as authorised by the resolution of last session, together with the form for laying corner stones of Odd Fellows' Halls, prepared and now submitted by the Committee, be, and the same are hereby approved and adopted.

Resolved,—That the Grand Secretary have the same stereotyped and printed in the revised edition of the Digest.

Rep. Davies, of New Hampshire, moved' " That a Lodge is obliged to accept the care of a sick brother, member of another Lodge, on his application to them for watchers. That when a Lodge accepts the care of a sick brother, a member of another Lodge, its members are under the same obligations to watch with him as though the sick brother was a member of their Lodge, and are subject to the same penalties."

To which the following amendment was moved and adopted: That the decision of the Grand Sire on this subject in the words following—" These questions are matters for State legislation. It is the moral duty of every Lodge to see that a brother in distress be attended to, and a Lodge or members fail in their duty should they neglect to do so,"—be offered as the decision of this Grand Lodge.

The Special Committee on that subject, reported the following, which was adopted, viz. :

Resolved,—That the R. W. Grand Lodge adopt for an Odd Fellows' Flag the pattern or design presented by the special committee appointed for that purpose, to wit : The flag to be manufactured of white material—either bunting, satin, or cotton cloth—as may be selected by those desiring one. The proportions to be 11-19ths of the length for the width. The emblems to consist of the three links, to be placed in the centre of the flag, with the letters I. O. O. F. to be painted or wrought in Scarlet color, and the name of the State, District or Territory using it, and trimmed with material of the same color. Wherever the flag is to be used by Encampments, there should be added two crooks.

Resolved,—That the R. W. Grand Secrectary be and is hereby instructed to procure a flag of suitable size and proportions as above described for this Grand Lodge, to be used for the first time at the celebration of our 50th anniversary, on the 26th of April, and in addition to the emblems add the letters G. L. U. S.

Rep. Smith, of Illinois, moved the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved,—That when a brother, who holds a current Visiting Card, wishes to visit a Lodge or Encampment in the jurisdiction to which he belongs, but without the term password or check word, the presentation of his Visiting Card shall make it the duty of the presiding officer of the Lodge or Encampment to communicate to him the pass or check of the jurisdiction, after ascertaining that the person presenting it is the legal holder of the Card.

The following was also adopted :

The Legislative Committee having been instructed to report suitable legislation to enable a brother to visit Lodges or Encampments within the limits of the jurisdiction in which he may hold membership upon a travelling card and T. P. W., recommends the adoption of the following, being Article 25 of our By-laws, amended so as to provide for the object contemplated :

"The T. P. W. is primarily designed for the use of brethren who are travelling beyond the limits of the jurisdiction to which they belong, but may also be used in the jurisdiction to which brothers belong who have received it in good faith for said primary purpose; and in order that each brother may be properly instructed in it, and visiting brethren from other jurisdictions be properly exam-

ined, the two highest elective officers of a Lodge, and the Chief Patriarch and Senior Warden of an Encampment, are to be privately put in possession of the word at the time of their installation, that they may be qualified either to give or to receive it. The Grand Master and Grand Patriarch of a State and their regular deputies should also be in possession of it."

The Special Committee on that subject made the following report, which was adopted:

The Special Committee appointed to consider that portion of the M. W. Grand Sire's report in regard to the public Press, beg leave respectfully to report that they heartily concur in the views expressed by the Grand Sire in reference to the employment of the public Press as an agency for advancing the interests of the Order. We believe that notices of time and place of meeting published in the local papers would encourage punctual attendance in the Lodges, would be a standing invitation to visitors, and keep Odd Fellowship before the public mind. We also believe that a liberal support should be afforded *our own Press* by the brethren of the Order, and in this opinion we are further sustained by the views so well expressed in the report of our R. W. Grand Secretary. We therefore recommend the passage of the following resolution:

Resolved,—That the Representatives of the Grand Lodge be requested to bring this matter to the attention of their Grand and Subordinate Lodges.

The Committee on the State of this Order submitted the following, which was adopted:

Whereas, Article 16, Section 4 of this Constitution, provides, that when it shall be satisfactorily represented to the G. L. U. S., that the necessities of a State, District, or Territorial Grand Jurisdiction, applying therefor the right to re-admit to membership within its jurisdiction "upon such terms as it may prescribe," suspended members, &c.

Query.—Do the words, "upon such terms as it may prescribe," refer to the jurisdiction to whom such power is granted?

Respectfully report that, upon a careful examination of the provisions of the Constitution referred to, they are of opinion that it refers to the State Jurisdiction, to which such power is granted.

Rep. Dannals, of California, moved the following motion, which was adopted:

Resolved,—That the next Annual Communication of this R. W. Grand Lodge be held in the City of San Francisco, in the State of California, and that the officers and members of this R. W. Grand Lodge be requested to assemble at Omaha, Nebraska, on the tenth day of September, 1869, to be conveyed thence by the Great Pacific Railroad across the continent to the said city of San Francisco, and that the mileage to be paid to the Representatives by this R. W. Grand Lodge, on that occasion, shall be computed from their respective homes to and from the said city of Omaha, excepting the Representatives from the jurisdictions on the Pacific slope, whose mileage shall be computed to and from San Francisco; provided that if the said Pacific Railroad shall not be completed and running regular trains through between Omaha and Sacramento city by the first day of August, 1869, so that the Representatives can be conveyed through without change of cars or detention; then, and in that case, the M. W. Grand Sire shall on that day issue his Proclamation calling the Grand Lodge to assemble in Annual Communication in the City of Baltimore, in the State of Maryland.

The Special Committee on the change of name, submitted the following, the consideration of which was deferred until next session:

First,—Is a change in the name of the Grand Lodge necessary, advisable or expedient?

Secondly.—If yea, what should the name be?

Thirdly.—If determined upon, when should the proposed amendment go into effect?

The arguments in favor of the change seem to be, first, that the actual jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge having already extended beyond the territorial limits of the United States, embracing the Dominion of

Canada and the British Provinces; while further extension whereby the continent of Australia is to be annexed, is already provided for, its name should be such as will properly represent the full extent of its legislative and judicial authority, and the unlimited agency it proposes to exercise in the promulgation of the great principles of the Order. Second.– That prejudices in the minds of worthy and intelligent citizens of other countries existing because of the limited territorial and political character of the present name, will be removed, and the increase of membership and the extension of our influence greatly facilitated.

However *advisable*, for these considerations, a change of name of this Grand Body at the proper time may be, your Committee do not see in them any urgent present necessity for the change proposed; and we therefore do not deem it expedient to suggest any change to take effect at a very early date.

In considering the subject with all the arguments before us, plausible, as they do in truth appear, we cannot lose sight of the fact that the Order, as heretofore established outside of the territorial limits of the United States, has not always maintained a successful existence. While it is true, that the Lodges in Ontario, or Canada West, have continued their work successfully for the last thirteen or fourteen years. it is equally true that prior to 1855 they had almost become extinct, And if the Order in the Lower Province is now in an improved condition, we are induced to think it is fairly to be attributed, in part at least, to the labors of the Special Commissioner whom the Grand Lodge found it necessary within the last two years to send to that jurisdiction.

What the result of the enterprise in Australia will be, remains to be ascertained. Prudence would, therefore, seem to forbid any inconsiderate or hasty action at this time. If the previous want of stability in Lodges heretofore instituted in any other country has been in any manner attributable to the limited terrritorial and political character of the name of this Grand Body, and a change therein will aid the Brotherhood in these outside jurisdictions in filling up their Lodges and extending their operations and influence, the assurance that at some future time when the condition of the Order in those jurisdictions shall be of so permanent a character as to justify it, and the Grand Lodge can without too heavy an expenditure of means make the necessary provision for it—the change shall take place—ought, in the judgment of the Committee, to be satisfactory to those who desire the change proposed.

The information received by the Committee leads them to the conclusion that a change at the present time would be very inexpedient in a pecuniary point of view.

Another reason for delay is the necessity for a change in the corporate name of the Grand Lodge, which can only be effected by an Act of the General Assembly of Maryland, and as the Legislature of that State does not meet again until January, 1870, such alteration in the Charter cannot sooner, and may not then be secured.

In view of all these considerations, your Committee have deemed it the wiser course to prepare and submit an amendment to the Constitution, so framed as to provide a change of the present name to one which seems to be acceptable to all with whom they have conversed, if a change is to be made; but postponing its operations until such time

as will secure a satisfactory test of the reasons for and against a change.

We therefore respectfully submit the annexed amendments to the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, and ask to be discharged from further consideration of the subject:

Amend Article 1, Section 1 of the Constitution (to go into effect on and after the first of January, 1872), by striking out of the 2nd line the words, "Grand Lodge of the United States," and insert the words, "Supreme Grand Lodge."

Amend Article XVII of the Constitution (to go into effect on and after the 1st of January, 1872), by striking out at the end of the Article the words, "The Grand Lodge of the United States," and insert the words, "The Supreme Grand Lodge."

The foregoing is but a synopsis of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge; to have given a full report of all that was transacted would have implied copying the Journal. We respectfully commend that publication to every brother in this jurisdiction, feeling assured that a careful perusal of it will have the effect of increasing the love and zeal of all who read it for the principles and in the work of the Order we all so much love.

In conclusion, we tender you our heartfelt thanks for the high honor conferred upon us in making us your representatives to so august a body as that of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

The representative whose term now expires surrenders his trust into your hands, with the earnest hope that in any action he has taken as your representative he has carried out your views, and with the warmest wishes for the welfare and prosperity of the Grand Lodge of Ontario.

JAMES WOODYATT,
HENRY McAFEE.

The Grand Master then appointed the following Committees:

On Distribution.—H. C. Bingham, P. G. M.; Reps. J. W. Ferguson and T. Healy.

On Petitions and Correspondence.—Reps. Thos. Lawless, R. J. C. Dawson, Paul Hidden, J. Kuntz and Geo. Dennis.

On Returns.—Reps. J. J. Ramsay, Geo. Irwin, John Gibson, T. L. Paine and H. Northwood.

On State of the Order.—Jas. Smith, P. G. M.; Reps. Jas. F. Morey, Jas. Heron, Alfred Hay and Hugh Blain.

On Finance.—Reps. A. Frew, Jas. Bird, Thos. Brown, John Wright and Thos. McKee.

On Mileage and Per-Diem.—Reps. P. B. Hatch, Geo. Powell, Senr., Geo. H. Marlatt, John Schneider and M. Blume.

On Appeals.—H. C. Bingham, P. G. M.; Reps. J. G. Dodd, T. Partridge, Jas. Woodyatt, G. Rep., and M. D. Dawson.

On Laws of Subordinates.—Reps. J. J. Dyas, John Smith, Samuel Flory, T. T. Irving and J. Kuntz.

On Printing.—Reps. T. A. Tarrant, Wm. Irving, Wm. McNeil and John Schneider.

On Revision.—Bros. Jas. Woodyatt, Grand Rep.; S. G. Dolson, P. G. M.; H. C. Bingham, P. G. M.; Thos. Partridge, D. G. M., and J. W. Ferguson.

On Legislation.—Reps. Hugh Blain, Robt. Evans, John Bowden and J. B. McIntyre.

On motion of Rep. Jas. Smith, the Grand Lodge adjourned until 4 o'clock p. m., in order to give the Committee on Distribution an opportunity to make up their report.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

AUG. 4th, 1869, 4 o'clock P. M.

The Grand Lodge called to order ; Grand Master in the chair.

Officers all present, and a quorum of Representatives.

The Minutes of the Morning Session were read, and a few alterations ordered to be made, after which the Minutes were adopted.

Rep. H. C. Bingham, from the Committee on Distribution, submitted the following report; which was on motion adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee to whom was referred the Reports of the Most Worthy Grand Master, R. W. Grand Secretary and Treasurer, and the Representatives to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the U. S., for the purpose of assigning the various subjects therein referred to, to appropriate Committees, recommend the following:

That Clauses B, F, G, H, I, J, K. L, M, and R, of the Grand Master's Report, and Clause 1 of the Grand Secretary and Treasurer's Report, be assigned to the Committee on Petitions and Correspondence.

That Clauses C, D, and E, of Grand Master's Report, and Clauses 2, 4, 9 and 10, of Grand Secretary and Treasurer's Report, be assigned to the Committee on Finance.

That all from Clause N to O referring to Grand Master's visits, and also Clauses P, S, T and V of Grand Master's Report, be assigned to the Committee on the State of the Order.

That all from Clause O to P in Grand Master's Report be referred to the Committee on Appeals.

That Clause U of Grand Master's Report referring to the Odd Fellows' Provident Association be referred to a special Committee of five.

That Clause Y of Grand Master's Report, and 8 of Grand Secretary's Report be referred to the Committee on Legislation.

That Clause 3 of Grand Secretary and Treasurer's Report, be assigned to the Committee on Returns.

That Clause 5, 6, & 7, of Grand Secretary and Treasurer's Report be referred to the Committee on Printing.

In regard to the Report of the R. W. Grand Representatives to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, your Committee submit, that they find it full of interest, but not containing matter for reference to any of the Committees of this Grand Lodge.

In conclusion we respectfully move the adoption of this Report.

H. C. BINGHAM,
J. W. FERGUSON,
T. HEALY.

T. Partridge, D. G. M., from the Committee on Credentials, submitted the following supplementary Report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Credentials, having examined the Certificates of Past Grands W. H. Harper and J. H. Hogah, of Unity Lodge No. 47, find them correct, and submit the following:

Resolved,—That the above named Past Grands be instructed in the G. L. Degree, and admitted to this Grand Lodge.

We have also examined the Certificate of Rep. George Irwin, of Frontier Lodge No. 45, and find the same correct,—submit the following:

Resolved,—That Rep. Geo. Irwin be admitted to this Grand Lodge as such Representative.

T. PARTRIDGE,
J. B. KING,
JAMES WOODYATT.

Bro. Albert M. Harris, of Olive Branch Lodge No. 88, of Detroit, sent into the Grand Lodge his Card, whereupon T. Partridge, D. G. M., waited upon the brother, and introduced him to the Grand Lodge.

Bros. Jonathan Sprague, Grand Representative; F. M. Foster, Grand Secretary; Isaac Sides, Grand Warden; all of the Grand Lodge of Michigan; and Past Grand Samuel Adams; of same State, being in the ante-room, Past Grand Master James Smith and Grand Representative H. McAfee, were appointed a Committee to wait upon the distinguished visitors, and properly introduce them.

Wereupon the brothers were introduced, received with the honors of the Order, and then conducted to seats.

The following letter from the Grand Lodge of the Manchester Unity of Odd Fellows, was read, and on motion of Rep. H. C. Bingham, referred to a Special Committee of three The Grand Master named as the Committee, Grand Reps. H. McAfee, James Woodyatt, and D. G. M. Partridge.

HAMILTON, August 4th, 1869.

JOHN BARR, Esq., G. M., I. O. O. F.

WORTHY AND RESPECTED SIR,—At the Annual Meeting of the Manchester Unity Odd Fellows, held in this city in May last, a resolution was passed that the C. S. should open a correspondence with the officers of your honorable and respected Body, for the purpose of bringing about a closer connection between you and us.

Being aware that the Grand Lodge would meet in this City at the present time, I deferred writing, thinking you would be pleased to name a Committee with whom I might talk the matter over. Should this meet with your approbation, I shall be most happy to meet the Officers or a Committee of the Grand Lodge at any time during your sittings. An early answer will much oblige,

Yours very respectfully,

THOMAS TINDILL, C. S.,
C. O. O. F., M. U.

The Grand Master named as a Special Committee to consider the following correspondence relative to the Odd Fellows' Provident Association, viz: Grand Representatives James Woodyatt and H. McAfee, and Reps. Thos. Lawless, T. A. Tarrant, and Hugh Blain.

HAMILTON, August 4th, 1879.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:

BRETHREN,—We beg to submit herewith a copy of the Rules and Regulations of the "Odd Fellows' Provident Association of Ontario," which we have the honor to represent as Provisional Directors; and we would respectfully solicit for the Association your sanction and approval.

Yours, in F. L. & T.,

JOHN BARR,
ARCH. FREW.

THOS. LAWLESS,
Sec.-Treasurer.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

OF THE

ODD FELLOWS' PROVIDENT ASSOCIATION OF ONTARIO,

ORGANIZED AT HAMILTON, JUNE 8TH, 1869.

Preamble.

Whereas, the objects of Odd Fellowship, whose laws command us to "visit the sick, to relieve the distressed, to bury the dead, and to educate the orphan," contemplate the furnishing of pecuniary assistance, on the death of members, and

Whereas, it is desirable to provide for a more extended application of this principle than at present obtains, by furnishing to the families of deceased Odd Fellows a greater amount of pecuniary assistance than they would be entitled to receive from their Lodges; therefore, we, whose names are hereunto annexed, do mutually agree to form ourselves into an Association for that purpose, to be known as "THE ODD FELLOWS' PROVIDENT ASSOCIATION OF ONTARIO;" and to be governed by the following Rules and Regulations:

ARTICLE I.—NAME, OBJECT.

This Association shall be known as the "ODD FELLOWS' PROVIDENT ASSOCIATION OF ONTARIO;" its object being to furnish pecuniary assistance to the widows and orphans or heirs and administrators of Odd Fellows who become members of this Association, in addition to that which may accrue from Lodges at the death of their natural protectors.

ARTICLE II.—MEMBERSHIP.

SEC. 1.—The membership of this Association shall not be less than Five Hundred persons, and shall be composed of members of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, who are in good standing in some Subordinate Lodge in the Province of Ontario, at the time of their admission, and who shall subscribe to these rules.

SEC. 2. The conditions of membership in this Association shall be:

a. That every person applying for admission to this Association must be a *bona fide* member, in good standing, of some regular Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in the Province of Ontario; and must not at the time of his application be more than sixty years of age, nor be receiving sick benefits from his Lodge. He must accompany his application with a certificate of the aforementioned facts, signed by the N. G. and R. S. of his Lodge, under seal.

b. That when applying for admission to this Association, he must present to the Board to which he applies *a medical certificate of health;* and must deposit along with his application the necessary admission fee, which shall be returned to him in case of the non-acceptance of his application.

c. That he must continue in membership in some regular Lodge of the Order; and in order to entitle his heirs to benefit at his death, he must at that time be a member in good standing in his Lodge.

d That he must, within thirty days after being notified of the death of a member of this Association, pay into the funds thereof the levies provided for in Article III; and in case he shall neglect to do so, he shall forfeit all rights to benefits for his heirs, unless he shall show to the Board of Directors that such neglect was unavoidable.

e. That in case of forfeiture, as aforesaid, he can again entitle himself to benefits for his heirs on payment of the regular admission fee, and presenting the necessary medical certificate of health.

ARTICLE III.—FINANCES.

SEC. 1.—FUNDS. *a.* The funds of this Association shall be derived from admission fees, and levies made at the death of members.

b. The admission fee shall be Two Dollars each for persons under forty years of age, with an additional fifty cents for each year if over that age, and not over sixty years. The levies to be made at the death of any member shall be One Dollar and Ten Cents per capita on the survivors.

c. The receipts of this Association shall be divided into two funds, named respectively the Benefit Fund and the Working Fund; from the first of which shall be paid all benefits accruing to the heirs of deceased members, and from the other necessary working expenses.

d. Ninety per cent. of all admission fees shall be placed at the credit of the Benefit Fund, and the remaining ten per cent. at the credit of the Working Fund, while of the levies made ten-elevenths shall be placed at the credit of the Benefit Fund, and one-eleventh at the credit of the Working Fund.

e. All receipts on account of the Benefit Fund shall be placed at the credit of the Association in some chartered bank, to be drawn therefrom as required only on the cheque of the President and Secretary; and any portion of the Working Fund not required for immediate use may be disposed of in a like manner.

SEC. 2—BENEFITS. *a.* The benefits payable by this Association, at the death of a member, shall be a sum equal to one dollar for every member whose name shall appear as good on the books of the Secretary-Treasurer at the time when the death occurred, the name of the deceased included, which sum shall be paid (not sooner than thirty days and not later than sixty days from the day on which the death occurred, unless otherwise ordered by the Board of Directors), to the widow and orphans or heirs and administrators of the deceased member; provided always, that the number of members belonging to the Association does not, at that date, exceed One Thousand; but, in case the membership exceeds that number, then no greater sum than One Thousand Dollars shall be paid at the death of any one member; and so long as a sufficient sum shall remain at the credit of the Benefit Fund of this Association to pay the necessary benefits at the death of a member and leave intact a reserve fund or margin equal to one maximum benefit (One Thousand Dollars), no levies shall be made upon members when a death occurs; but as soon as the balance becomes insufficient to meet this requirement, a levy of One Dollar and Ten Cents upon each of the members shall be made for the purpose of increasing the balance to the required amount.

b. On the death of a member of this Association, the person or persons entitled to receive benefits by reason of such death, shall make a written application to the Board of Directors for said benefits, which application shall be presented to the N. G. of the Lodge of which the deceased was a member, who shall certify to the correctness thereof, then to the Secretary of the Board of Local Managers nearest said Lodge who shall countersign it and forward it to the Secretary-Treasurer, who, on ascertaining from his books that the deceased was entitled to benefits, shall, at the expiration of 30 days and within 60 days after the day on which the death occurred, unless otherwise ordered by the Board of Directors, draw on the Benefit Fund for the necessary amount and pay over the same as directed in the following clause, *(c)*.

c. When any person becomes entitled to benefits as determined in the preceding clause *(b)*, the Secretary-Treasurer shall, at the expiration of 30 days or within 60 days from the day on which the death occurred, unless otherwise ordered by the Board of Directors, draw the amount necessary from the Benefit Fund and transmit it to the Secretary of the Board of Local Managers, through whom the application was made, who shall hand it to the N. G., whose certificate accompanied the application, and he shall pay it to the proper claimants, taking receipt for it, forwarding the same to the Secretary of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IV.—OFFICERS.

The Officers of this Association shall be a President, a Vice-President, and a Secretary-Treasurer, who shall be elected annually, as provided in Article V.

ARTICLE V.—MANAGEMENT.

SEC. 1. The business of this Association shall be conducted by a Board of Directors, and a Board of Local Managers in each District formed by G. L. of Ontario for G. L. purposes.

[CLAUSE A. Provided, always, that until the formation of two or more Boards of Local Managers, the Hamilton Board of Local Managers shall constitute a Provisional Board of Directors; but immediately on the formation of a second Board of Local Managers under these Rules and Regulations, a Permanent Board of Directiors shall be formed, who shall assume directing control, leaving the Hamilton Board to perform the duties of a Local Board only.]

SEC. 2. Every Board of Local Managers shall be composed of——persons elected by the members of the Association belonging to each Lodge in a District, who shall meet monthly, (or more frequently, if necessary,) and shall annually, in the month of July, elect a President, a Vice-President, and a Secretary: also two of its members for every Lodge in the District in which it is located, to represent it in the Board of Directors.

SEC. 3. The Board of Directors shall be composed of——representatives from the Grand Lodge on Ontario, provided said representatives are members of the Association who do not represent any Local Board, and such representatives from each Board of Local Managers as are provided for by Section 2 of this Article. It shall meet annually on the day after the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, at the same place, and at such meeting shall elect the Officers named in Article IV. The business office of the Association shall be located at Hamilton.

SEC. 4. The duty of the Board of of Directors shall be to exercise a general directing control over the affairs of the Association; to direct the levying of assessments on members, to be collected by Boards of Local Managers; to pay through the proper Local Board, on the death of a member, to the heirs or administrators of deceased, as directed in Article III, the benefits due to them, after the claim has been approved of by the Local Board through which it is to be paid; and to perform such other acts as may from time to time appear necessary for the welfare and perpetuity of this Association.

SEC. 5. The duties of the several Boards of Local Managers shall be to admit members in accordance with the conditions set forth in Article II; to collect all fees and assessments from members belonging to their respective districts, forwarding the same along with the names of members paying them to the Sec.-Treas.; to investigate the circumstances attending the death of any member, and report thereon in prescribed form to the Board of Directors; to pay over benefits to claimants as soon as funds are received from the Sec.-Treas. for that purpose; and to exercise a general supervision over the affairs of the Association in their respective districts.

ARTICLE VI.—SALARIES.

No salaries shall be paid by this Association, except on a four-fifth vote, at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VII.—DISABILITIES.

Any member of this Association who shall omit to pay all levies which may be made upon him, at the death of members, by the proper time; or who shall not be continuously a member of some regular Lodge of the Order, shall forfeit his membership in this Association, and can renew it only by again paying the prescribed admission fee, and producing the necessary certificate of health; and any member who shall not be in good standing in his Lodge at the time of his death; or who shall die of any disease contracted through drunkenness or any grossly immoral habit; or who shall make false representations as to his age at the time of his admission; or who shall fail to comply with the rules of this Association, shall forfeit all rights to benefits for his heirs.

ARTICLE VIII.—AMENDMENTS.

None of the foregoing rules shall be suspended, annulled, altered or amended, except at an annual meeting of the Board of Directors, by vote of two-thirds of the members present; and no amendment shall be proposed at any annual meeting of the said Board unless notice thereof shall have been sent to each Board of Local Managers at least three months previous to the annual meeting at which it is to be discussed.

The Roll of Lodge was called for the presentation of business.

Rep. William Bissell, Forest City Lodge No. 38, submitted the following:

Is it right and constitutional to pay an insane brother weekly sick benefits, while he is provided for, from another source?

Referred to Committee on the State of Order.

Rep. M. D. Dawson, Forest City Lodge No. 38, submitted the following:

Has a N. G. a right to withhold the salute preventing a brother from retiring at any other time than during initiation? If so, when and under what circumstances?

Referred to Committee on the State of the Order.

Rep. M. D. Dawson, of Forest City Lodge No. 38, submitted the following:

Will the Grand Lodge define the proper mode to be observed by subordinate Lodges, of balloting for Representatives?

Referred to Committee on Legislation.

Rep. H. Blain, Covenant Lodge No. 52, submitted the following:

Can the amount charged Covenant Lodge for Working and Degree Books be refunded?

Referred to Committee on the State of the Order.

Rep. J. J. Dyas, of Dominion Lodge No. 48, submitted the following:

Are donations to Lodges subject to the Grand Lodge tax?

Referred to Committee on the State of the Order.

Rep. Samuel Flory, Eureka Lodge No. 30, submitted the following:

If a brother enters a Lodge when working in the initiatory degree, and should have received the blue, scarlet, or any other degree, is the brother entitled to sit in the Lodge with a white apron, provided there is no other regalia in the anteroom for him to put on?

Referred to Committee on the State of the Order.

The following appeal of C. B. Taylor against the action of Avon Lodge was read:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

Sirs and Brothers,—The undersigned, a P. Grand of Avon Lodge, begs most respectfully to appeal from a decision of a Committee of said Lodge, wherein charges were preferred against me to the following effect, viz.: *Fraud.*

Some time ago I had occasion to borrow $50 from a Mr. Grant, said note endorsed by one Thos. Boughridge, and circumstances over which I had no control provented me from paying it when due, but made arrangements with Mr. Grant to pay interest monthly until principal was paid, which he agreed to; but as soon as I left or immediately after, on account of me not paying this, a charge was preferred against me for *Fraud*, by Bro. Mowatt of said Lodge. Now—

First,—Has the Lodge any jurisdiction in the above, as the parties interested are not members of the Order, and had recourse to common law, the matter being a purely business transaction.

Second,—That circumstances beyond my control prevented my attendance before the Committee appointed to investigate said charge.

Third,—That I never repudiated the obligation to pay the amount of the note mentioned in the above complaint, but on the contrary paid interest until the time he sued it in court; and was and still am willing to pay the principal as soon as circumstances will permit, which always seemed satisfactory to the plaintiff until my removal from Stratford.

A Brother of the Lodge notified me that I was suspended on account of said charge preferred, but was not notified officially by the Lodge—not one letter I received having the seal attached

And being anxious to be actively connected with the Order which I have loved so long,and from which I believe have been unjustly suspended,I respectfully ask the Grand Lodge to instruct Avon Lodge to reinstate me into my former position in said Lodge.

I enclose a copy, or rather the original, containing the charge that was brought and sworn against me, the contents of which is false to the core.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Yours in F. L. & T.,

C. B. TAYLOR, P. G.

Dated at Detroit, State of Michigan,
August 2nd, 1869.

STRATFORD, Feb. 18, 1869.

C. B. TAYLOR, Esq.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—As Chairman of Committee I write you. No doubt you know, ere this, that a charge has been preferred against you by Bro. William Mowatt, for fraud. The evidence that we have against you is contained in the following:

RAFFERITCH VS. TAYLOR.

County of Perth, } I, Theobald Rafferitch, of the Township of Downie, in the
To Wit, } said County, Innkeeper, make oath and say:

1st. That some three years ago Mr. Chas. B Taylor came to me with a note for $50, and asked me to endorse it for him, as the note was payable to W. Mowatt or bearer.

2d. When the note came due, which was in three months after, Mr. Taylor told me he would pay it, and I would have no trouble at all about it.

3rd. I spoke to him twice after about the note, when he said that he had paid part of the note, and would soon pay the balance. The note was in the hands of Mr. Alexander Grant, of Stratford.

4th. At another time subsequent to this Taylor said he had paid the note in full and would show it, but he had destroyed it, or mislaid it, or lost it; but I might rest assured it was all right.

5th. Believing these statements, I paid no more attention to the matter until shortly before Taylor went away, when I got a letter from a lawyer demanding payment of the note for Grant. Immediately afterwards I was sued in the Division Court, and the plaintiff, Mr. Grant, let me off by paying $41.50, he paying the costs himself, as he believed I was badly used in the matter.

6th. I had no acquaintance with Taylor, except when I was a member of Avon Lodge, where Taylor also was. I did not think that he could be capable of acting so deceitfully towards me. I never had any other transaction with Taylor before nor since.

All of which is sworn to before a J. P. Likewise the signature of Mr. Rafferitch attached.

Now, Bro. Taylor, it is for you to give us your defence, so that we may be able to lay the case clearly before the Lodge at the next meeting, 24th. The matter has probably been hanging long, but I can assure you, sir, that we have been as anxious about the matter as you have been.

Bro. Taylor, be kind enough to answer this by return of post, as it will require all our time to act upon it before meeting night.

Yours fraternally, in F. L. & T.,

HENRY GIBSON,
In behalf of Committee.

N. B.—As this is written hastily, there is no Seal attached. H. G.

Moved by Rep. H. C. Bingham, seconded by Rep. Jas. Smith, and

Resolved,—That on account of the informality in the appeal from Bro. C. B. Taylor, the Grand Secretary be instructed to communicate with said Brother, informing him that his appeal is informal, and that in its present form this Grand Lodge cannot act upon it.

The following appeals were submitted and referred to Committee on Appeals:

PORT BURWELL, Nov. 5, 1868.

To the N. G., Officers and Members of Erie Lodge No. 33, I. O. O. F.:

On the 26th of October I received a notice from your Secretary, saying that I was expelled from the Order for conduct unbecoming to an Odd Fellow. If I am guilty of anything of the kind, I don't know it; so, therefore, I must appeal to the Grand Lodge of Ontario.

1st. The whole transaction of the Committee was illegal, and the charge was brought through spite.

2d. That the charge brought against me for using Lodge funds I deny, because it was an individual transaction between Brother Milkes and myself.

3. That it was the opinion of Bro. Moor and others in the Lodge, when I wanted the Lodge to decide whether it was a Lodge or individual transaction, that the Lodge had nothing to do with me.

JOHN J. McMATH.

HAMILTON, Sept. 10th, 1868.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

The petition and appeal of the undersigned respectfully sheweth:

1. That on the 7th day of May, 1868, I charged Bro. Robert Magill in Excelsior Lodge No. 44, I. O. O. F., in this city, with conduct derogatory to said Lodge and Order, as per Article six, section first, clause first, of our Constitution.

2. That said charge was duly investigated by a Committee appointed for the purpose, and their report upon the same submitted to the Lodge.

3. That said Committee reported the charge sustained.

4. That the Report was referred back to the Committee, and the charge again reported sustained

5. That the Committee in their second report stated that the accused, although duly notified, had failed to appear.

6. That on motion, the report was received, and the Committee discharged.

7. That the Lodge refused to comply with a written request that the evidence on which the Committee based their decision be read in open Lodge.

8. That I stated to the Lodge that I was prepared to produce still further evidence, (and of such a character that could not be impeached) if considered necessary.

9. That immediately following the discharge of the Committee, a resolution was passed, acquitting the said Bro. Robert Magill, (the accused) from all blame.

I therefore hereby respectfully appeal from said action of Excelsior Lodge No. 44, on the grounds,—

1. On unfairness to the accused, as per Article six, section third, clause third of Constitution.

2. That of unfairness to the accused, in dismissing the case when farther evidence was tendered.

3. That it was informal in acquitting a brother whom a duly appointed Committee had reported guilty.

4. That it was strictly contrary to By-Law 59 of said Lodge, and

5. That as the Report of the Committee did not involve the suspension or expulsion of the accused, and no appeal having been made, it was also a direct violation of clause third, section second and article six, of the Constitution.

Yours in F. L. & T.,

W. H. McELCHERON.

Member of Excelsior Lodge No. 44, I.O.O.F.

Grand Rep. James Woodyatt, from the Committee on Credentials, submitted the following Supplementary Report No. 2.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Credentials report, that they have examined the Certificate of T. L. Payne, Representative of Otter Lodge No. 50, and find the same correct and submit the following:

Resolved,—That P. G., T. L. Payne be instructed in the G. L. Degree, and admitted to this Grand Lodge.

T. PARTRIDGE,
J. B. KING,
JAMES WOODYATT.

The following motion of Rep. T. Healy, of Union Lodge, was referred to the Finance Committee :

Moved by Rep. T. Healy of Union Lodge, and seconded by Rep. P. B. Hatch of Gore Lodge, that the expenses of the several Lodges that sent Representatives to Brockville to form this Grand Lodge, in the year 1856, be reimbursed their expenses which was paid by the several Lodges at that time, there being a motion on the minutes of this Grand Lodge to the effect that the amounts be refunded to said Lodges when this Grand Lodge was in funds.

Rep. H. C. Bingham, from the Committee on Revision, submitted their Report, and asked on account of its length, that it be considered by clauses as read. Agreed to.

On reading Article 2, Section 1, Clause 4, the following amendment was made by Rep. J. J. Dyas, seconded by Grand Rep. H. McAfee, and lost :

That every P. G. M. in good standing in Subordinate Lodge and Grand Officers shall be admitted to seats in this Grand Lodge, and shall have the power of debating, making motions and voting on all questions.

On reading Clause 3, Section 2, of Article 4, it was

Moved in amendment by Rep. John Smith, seconded by Rep. J. J. Dyas, that the present clauses stand for the election of officers.

Pending the discussion of the above, the Grand Lodge adjourned until 9 o'clock a. m. to-morrow.

SECOND DAY.

HAMILTON, Aug. 5th, 1869.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order. The M. W. Grand Master, John Barr, in the chair. The Roll of Officers and Representatives called. Present :—All the Grand Officers and a quorum of Representatives.

The minutes of the previous sitting were read and approved.

T. Partridge, D. G. M., from the Committee on Credentials, submitted the following report, which was adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:

We, your Committee on Credentials, having examined the certificate of Rep. Thomas Brown, of Eureka Lodge No. 30, find the same correct, and beg to submit the following:

Resolved,—That Rep Thomas Brown be admitted to a seat in this Grand Lodge as a Representative of said Lodge.

All of which is respectfully submitted in F. L. and T.

J. B. KING,
T. PARTBIDGE,
JAMES WOODYATT

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to consider the amendment of Rep. John Smith, which was under discussion when the Grand Lodge adjourned last evening, which was as follows:

Resolved,—"That the present clauses stand for the election of officers," which amendment prevailed.

Moved by Rep. J. W. Ferguson, seconded by Rep. H. C. Bingham, P. G. M.,

That the further consideration of the report of the Committee on Revision be indefinitely postponed, and that the Committee be discharged.

Moved by Rep. John Smith, seconded by Rep. J. Kuntz, in amendment,

That the Report on the revision of the Constitution be referred back to the Committee.

Resolved in the affirmative.

The vote being taken on the resolution of Rep. J. W. Ferguson, it was declared lost.

Grand Rep. James Woodyatt, on behalf of the Committee on Revision, tendered the resignation of the Committee.

Rep. J. W. Ferguson moved, seconded by Rep. H. C. Bingham,

That the resignation of the Committee on Revision be accepted.

Resolved in the negative.

Moved by Rep. J. J. Dyas, seconded by Rep. James Smith,

That H. McAfee, P. G. M., and Rep. John Smith be added to the Committee on revision.—Lost.

Rep. H. C. Bingham, from the Committee on Appeals, submitted the following Report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:

The Committee on Appeals beg leave to report, that in the case of Unity Lodge No. 47 against D. D. G. M. Pierce, for refusing to install Bro. William Harper, N. G. elect, find that the action of D. D. G. M. Pierce was incorrect, and submit the following:

Resolved,—That the decision of the M. W. Grand Master in this case be sustained.

H. C. BINGHAM, J. G. DODD,
T. PARTRIDGE, JAS. WOODYATT,
M. D. DAWSON.

Rep. H. C. Bingham, from the same Committee, submitted the following report and resolution, which was on motion adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:

We, your Committee on Appeals, beg leave to report that in the case of Bro. McMath against the action of Erie Lodge in expelling him from the Order, find that Bro. McMath appeals from the decision of the Lodge on the following grounds:

1st. That the whole transaction of the Committee was illegal, and the charge brought through spite.

2nd. Because the transaction was an individual one, and not a Lodge transaction.

3rd. That it was the opinion of D. D G. M Bro. Moore and others in the Lodge, when I wanted the Lodge to decide whether it was a Lodge or individual transaction, that the Lodge had nothing to do with me.

Your Committee find no evidence to sustain the first ground of appeal. We find the second ground of appeal not sustained, because the evidence in posses-

sion goes to show that it *was* a Lodge transaction. We find the third ground of appeal not sustained because we have no evidence whatever touching the question before the Committee.

The Committee therefore submit the following:

Resolved,—That the appeal be dismissed, in the meantime, for lack of evidence to sustain it.

H. C. BINGHAM, J. G. DODD,
M. D. DAWSON, JAS. WOODYATT.

Rep. H. C. Bingham, from the same Committee, submitted the following report and resolution, which were adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

We, your Committee, beg leave to report, that in the case of appeal of W. H. McElcheren against the action of Excelsior Lodge in the charge against Robert McGill, find that the Lodge acted illegally in not taking action on the report of the Committee, and in referring back the report, and in finally discharging the Committee, (see Digest, page 139, clause 19):

"When a Committee appointed to try a member for unworthy conduct, has reported in favor of expulsion, the Lodge cannot omit action on the report made, and appoint another Committee, but it must proceed upon the Report regularly made and properly before it."

The Committee therefore submit the following:

Resolved,—That the action of Excelsior Lodge in this case be reversed, and a new trial ordered.

H. C. BINGHAM, J. G. DODD,
JAS. WOODYATT, T. PARTRIDGE,
M. D. DAWSON.

Rep. James Smith, from the Committee on the State of the Order, submitted the following report and resolution:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:

We, your Committee, appointed on the State of the Order, beg most respectfully to report:

That we have examined that portion of the Grand Master's Address as submitted to us, and with regard to decisions we have pleasure to state that they are correct, and strictly in accordance with Constitution.

It is to be regretted that the Grand Master has cause to complain of the dereliction of duty evinced by the D. D. Grand Masters in not submitting to him the reports at the time which our laws provide that such should be done. We trust, however, that in future such officers will attend more faithfully to the duties allotted to them.

With regard to Clause T of Grand Master's Report, calling upon this Grand Lodge to make it imperative on Subordinate Lodges compelling officers to learn charges and working, your Committee do not consider it necessary for this Grand Lodge to take any action on the recommendation of the Grand Master, but would leave the matter to local jurisdiction.

Your Committee fully endorse the sentiments expressed by the Grand Master relative to the *Canadian Star* and *American Odd Fellow*, and hope the members will take particular notice thereof and govern themselves accordingly.

Your Committee would specially express themselves with regard to the interest shown by our Most Worthy Grand Master in visiting every Lodge in our jurisdiction, that great credit is thereby due to him in losing so much time in making his visits.

To the following questions submitted by members, your Committee have carefully examined them, and herewith beg to submit our replies thereto:

Ques. 1.—P. G. M., Bro. Wm. Bissell, Forest City Lodge: Is it right and Constitutional to pay an insane Brother weekly sick benefits while he is provided for from another source?

Answer.—Yes. See Digest, page 15, and Journal of the Grand Lodge of the United States, pages 1993, 2137, 2177.

Ques. 2.—Rep. M. D. Dawson, Forest City Lodge: Has a N. G. a right to withhold the salute, thus preventing a brother from retiring at any other time than during initiation; if so, when and under what circumstances?

Answer.—The only law we can find on the subject is Rule of Order No. 22.

Ques. 4.—Rep. J. J. Dyas, Dominion Lodge: Are the donations to Lodges subject to the Grand Lodge tax?

Answer.—Yes. Article 8, Clause 1, Section 1, of Constitution states that this Grand Lodge is entitled to 10 per cent. of the gross receipts After deducting Widow and Orphan Fund, we would recommend that said clause be amended so as to exempt donations.

Ques. 5.—Rep. Hu. Blain, Covenant Lodge: Can the amount charged Covenant Lodge No. 52, for working and degree books, be refunded?

Answer.—Yes, if the Grand Lodge sees fit. The law, however, on the subject will be found in Constitution, page 13, Article 7, Clause 5.

Ques. 7.—Rep. S. Flory, Eureka Lodge: If a brother enters a Lodge when working in the Initiatory Degree, and should have received the Blue, Scarlet, or any other Degree, is the brother entitled to sit in the Lodge with a white apron, providing there is no other regalia in the ante-room for him to put on?

Answer.—See Constitution, Page 31, Article 7, Section 1, Clause 3. Your Committee, nevertheless, are of the opinion that it would be unjust to refuse a Brother admittance who would not be able at the time to procure a regalia in accordance with the rank he attained in the Order.

Ques. 8.—Is a Brother who has only held a subordinate office for two months, eligible for an elective office?

Answer.—We would amend by adding the following:—"Unless no other qualified Brother would accept the position, or in case of a newly instituted Lodge."

In conclusion, your Committee recommend the adoption of this Report as now submitted.

Fraternally yours,

JAMES SMITH, H. BLAIN,
JAMES HERON, ALFRED HAY

The following was resolved in the negative:

Moved by Rep. H. C. Bingham, seconded by Rep. T. Healey.

Resolved,—That the Report of the Committee on the State of the Order be referred back to the Committee, with instructions to report a separate resolution not only upon each decision of the Grand Master, but also upon every question referred to them.

The following moved by Rep. J. W. Ferguson, seconded by Rep. J. B. McIntyre, was agreed to.

Resolved,—That the Report of the Committee on the State of the Order be taken up seriatim.

The following moved by Rep. H. C. Bingham, seconded by Rep. Robert Evans was agreed to.

Resolved,—That the Grand Lodge adjourn until 2 o'clock, p. m., in order that the several Committees may have an opportunity of perfecting their Reports.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment. D. G. M. Partridge in the chair. The Roll called, all the Officers present and a quorum of Representatives.

Rep. James Woodyatt, from the Committee on Credentials, submitted the following supplementary Report, which was adopted:

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Credentials Report: Having examined the Certificate of P. G. Harper Wilson, of Union Lodge No. 16, and finding the same correct, submit the following:

Resolved,—That Bro. Harper Wilson be instructed in the Grand Lodge Degree and admitted to this Grand Lodge.

T. PARTRIDGE,
J. B KING,
JAMES WOODYATT.

The Report of the Committee on the State of the Order, which was under discussion when the Grand Lodge adjourned, was now taken up.

GRAND MASTER'S DECISIONS.—On the motion to adopt Clause 1, the following amendment moved by Rep. Robert Evans, seconded by Rep. J. W. Ferguson, was agreed to.

Resolved,—That the last Clause of the decision, No. 4, of the Grand Master, be reversed.

On motion the Clause as amended was adopted.

Clauses 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, were adopted.

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS OF REPRESENTATIVES.

On motion to adopt Clause 20, Rep. A. Frew, seconded by Rep. John Smith, moved to amend by substituting the following:

Resolved,—That the N. G. has no right to prevent a Brother retiring, except during Initiation.

Rep. M. D. Dawson, seconded by Rep. J. G. Dodd, moved, in amendment to the amendment, to substitute the following, which was adopted:

Resolved,—That the N. G. is allowed discretionary power, but not compelled to prevent Brothers from retiring except during Initiation.

On motion to adopt Clause 30, Rep. H. C. Bingham, seconded by Rep. Jas. Hutchison, moved the following:

Resolved,—That the question be answered, Yes.

Rep. John Smith, seconded by Rep. A. Frew, moved, in amendment to the amendment, that the following be substituted, which was agreed to:

Resolved,—That donations to any Lodge do not constitute any part of the regular receipts of said Lodge, and therefore the Grand Lodge are not entitled to the usual percentage on said donations.

The report of the Committee as amended was then adopted.

The following moved by H. McAfee, G. Rep., seconded by Rep. Dyas, was agreed to, and the Grand Master named as the Committee: H. McAfee, G. Rep., Rep. Jas. Smith, and Grand Sec.-Treas. J. B. King.

Resolved,—That the sum of thirty dollars be appropriated for the purpose of defraying the incidental expenses of this session of the Grand Lodge, and that a Committee be appointed to dispense the same.

Rep. J. J. Dyas, from the Committee on Laws of Subordinates, submitted the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:

Clause 1. We have examined the By-laws of Covenant Lodge No. 52, and beg to recommend their approval with this exception:

Clause 1. Omit all after "N. G." and prior to "at the request," &c.

Clause 2. We have examined the proposed amendments to the By-laws of Gore Lodge No. 34, and beg to recommend their approval, with the exception of that part of By-law No. 47, which says, "And no benefit to be paid for the first week's sickness," as we consider it conflicts with Art. 5, sec. 2, clause 1, of the Con-

stitution of the Subordinate Lodges, which says that "Every member shall be entitled to receive from the general fund such weekly sick benefits as may be fixed by the By-laws."

Clause 3. We have examined the proposed amendment to the By-laws of Mount Zion Lodge No. 46, and beg to recommend its approval.

Yours, in F. L. and T.,
J. J. DYAS, JOHN SMITH
SAMUEL FLORY, THOS. T. IRVING,
JACOB KUNTZ.

The following amendment was adopted, and the Report as so amended was adopted:

Moved by Rep. P. B. Hatch, seconded by Rep. J. W. Ferguson, and

Resolved,—That that portion of the Committee's report in regard to clause 47 be stricken out.

Rep. A. Frew, from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:

The Finance Committee, to whom was referred the M. W. Grand Master's Report, beg leave to submit the following:

GRAND MASTER'S REPORT.

Clause C—Relating to new seal for G. L., on account of changing the name of this Grand Lodge from Grand Lodge of C. W. to G. L. of Ontario.

Clause D—Referring to the purchase of one hundred new charters for this G. Lodge, in consequence of alteration of name of this G. L., as described in clause C of G. M. Report.

Clause E—Referring to the investment of G. L. funds in Dominion stock to the amount of five hundred dollars.

We, your Committee, having carefully examined the foregoing clauses of G. M. Report, respectfully beg leave to recommend their adoption.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ARCH. FREW, JAMES BIRD,
JOHN WRIGHT, THOS. BROWN,
THOS. McKEE.

Rep. A. Frew, from the same Committee, submitted the following Report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Clause 2. Relating to the *American Odd Fellow* being subscribed for by this Grand Lodge.

Clause 4. Relating to the investment of the surplus funds of this Grand Lodge, has been carried out in accordance with a resolution passed by this Grand Lodge at its session of 1867, the following investments have been made, viz:

Dominion stock, $500; United States 5-20's bonds, $200, for which was paid $166.13 in gold; Post Office Savings Bank deposit, $250: total invested, $916.13.

We, your Committee, find on examination, that the above is invested in the name of the Grand Secretary, and that he holds bonds and scrips for the same.

Clause 9. Relating to the receipts and expenditures for the year, correct.

Clause 10. Relating to receipts and disbursements, and funds on hand of the various Subordinate Lodges, correct; and recommend the adoption of the foregoing clauses

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ARCH. FREW, JAMES BIRD,
JOHN WRIGHT, THOMAS BROWN,
THOMAS McKEE.

Rep. A. Frew, from the same Committee, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O F.:

Your Committee on Finance beg leave, as a supplementary to their previous report, that they have examined the G. M. account ($16.00) against this G. L., incurred in official visits to Subordinate Lodges and Communications and recommend that the same be paid.

Yours, in F. L. and T.,

ARCH. FREW, JAMES BIRD,
THOMAS McKEE, THOMAS BROWN,
JOHN WRIGHT.

Rep. A. Frew, from the same Committee, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee, in referring to the proceedings of G. L. held in Brockville in 1856, find the resolution referred to in Rep. T. Healy's motion correct, but would recommend that the several Subordinate Lodges send in their accounts.

Yours, in F. L. and T.,

ARCH. FREW, JAMES BIRD,
THOMAS McKEE, THOS. BROWN.

Rep. Hugh Blain, from the Committee on Legislation, submitted the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:

The Committee on Legislation beg leave to submit the following report, viz.: On matter referred to this Committee by Distributing Committee, viz.: On clause Y of the No. 20.

2. Your Committee are deeply impressed with the necessity ofappointing a Special Commissioner to visit the various localities throughout this jurisdiction likely to be suitable places for the establishment of our beloved Order, the said Commissioner to use every legitimate and proper means in his power to induce gentlemen whom he thinks will make fit members and good Odd Fellows, either to join some Lodge convenient to their place of residence, and there take the degrees requisite to enable them to petition for a warrant to institute new Lodges in accordance with the prescribed form, or make any other arrangements which may be consistent with the usages of the Order.

2. Your Committee would also urge the advisability of members of adjacent Lodges taking withdrawal cards for the purpose of aiding in the organization of new Lodges, thereby materially assisting in the furtherance of Odd Fellowship in this jurisdiction, and disseminating the broad principles of Friendship, Love and Truth.

3. The funds of the R. W. G. body being hardly sufficient to warrant any considerable expenditure during the present year. your Committee would advise the visits contemplated to be conducted in the most economical and favorable manner practicable.

QUESTION 3.

4. That in balloting for Rep. to G. L., the name of only one candidate shall be written upon any ballot, and a majority of the ballots cast shall be necessary to a choice ; should there be no choice in any case, the name of the candidate receiving the smallest number of ballots shall be dropped on proceeding to each succeeding ballot.

In conclusion, your Committee beg to move the adoption of the foregoing report.

All of which is respectfully submitted-

H. BLAIN, JOHN BOWDEN,
J. B. McINTYRE, ROBERT EVANS.

The report was on motion taken up and considered *seriatim*.

On motion to adopt clause 1, Rep. T. T. Irving moved, seconded by Rep. Gibson, to amend as follows:

Resolved,—That clause 1, relative to a salaried commissioner being employed by the Grand Lodge, be stricken out.

Rep. James Smith, seconded by Rep. M. McIntyre, moved, in amendment to the amendment, the following, which was not agreed:

Resolved,—That the consideration of that portion of the report of the Legislative Committee with regard to the appointing of a special commissioner, be laid over until next session.

The question recurring upon the amendment of Rep. T. T. Irving, it was resolved in the affirmative, and the clause as amended was adopted.

Clause 2 adopted.

On motion to adopt clause 3, Grand Rep. James Woodyatt, seconded by Rep. J. Hunter, moved in amendment the following, which prevailed:

Resolved,—That clause 3 be stricken out.

On motion to adopt clause 4, Rep. Samuel Flory, seconded by Rep. J. Heron. moved in amendment the following, which was not agreed to:

Resolved,—That as many names be placed on the ballot as the Lodge is entitled to Representatives.

The Report as amended was then adopted.

Rep. J. J. Ramsay, from the Committee on Returns, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Returns beg leave to report, that they have examined the semi-annual returns of the Subordinate Lodges in this jurisdiction, and would respectfully submit the following:

The semi-annual return of Brock Lodge No. 9, we find to be correct, excepting the total membership returns, in which we find an error, which we cannot account for, but which is corrected by the Permanent Secretary of said Lodge in a list of members, forwarded to the R. W. Grand Secretary subsequent to the semi-annual return. We also discover an error of omission in the return ending Dec. 31, 1868, the Vice-Grand not having signed the same.

Your Comr ittee would recommend that this R. W. Grand Lodge be governed by the list of the Permanent Secretary of Brock Lodge referred to above.

Union Lodge No. 16—an error was discovered in the return for the term ending June 30th, 1869, in having placed the names of those who ceased to be members for N. P. D. in the suspension column, and the names of members suspended not given.

Chatham Lodge No. 29—an error in each of the semi-annual returns of this Lodge was discovered; in the one for the term ending Dec. 31, 1868, four members are reported suspended, while the name of only one is given; also the omission of the Vice-Grand's signature. In the return for the term ending June 30, 1869, six members are reported suspended, and their names are omitted.

Eureka Lodge No. 30, we find correct.

Erie Lodge No. 33—in semi-annual report for term ending Dec. 31, 1868 an error occurs, in having reported one member too many in good standing. In report for term ending June 30th, 1869, we find a mistatement in total membership (as per last report); also a mistake in the members in good standing in reporting 43, while we find them entitled to 47.

Gore Lodge No. 34—in the report for term ending June 30, 1869, we find the names of five brothers suspended, while only two are acknowledged in the summary.

Samaritan Lodge No. 35, we find correct.

St Marys Lodge No· 36, we find correct.

Forest City Lodge No. 38, we find correct.

Avon Lodge No. 41—in the report for term ending June 30th, 1869, we find a mistake, they having reported in total membership 93, which should be 94.

Excelsior Lodge No. 44, we find correct.

Frontier Lodge No. 45—in a report for term ending Dec. 31st we find in the summary twelve initiated, while the names of only eleven are given.

Mount Zion Lodge No. 46—we find incorrect, it having reported total membership in the report of term ending Dec. 31st, 1863, to be 31 instead of 30. We also find the amount of Grand Lodge dues to be not at all in proportion to the number of members reported in good standing.

Unity Lodge No. 47—we find a mistake in each report, in total membership they are claiming one more than they are entitled to.

Dominion Lodge No. 48, we find correct.

Canada Lodge No. 49—in report for term ending June 30, 1869, we find in the total membership in good standing to be 68, while it should be 69.

Otter Lodge No. 50, we find correct.

Bissell Lodge No. 51, we find correct.

Covenant Lodge No. 52, correct.

Niagara Falls Lodge No 53, correct.

Clause 3 of the R. W. Grand Secretary's Report, which was referred to your Committee on Returns for your consideration, has been examined and your Committee would respectfully recommend the adoption of that clause, and that the R. W. Grand Secretary be instructed to see the suggestions contained in that clause fully carried out, as we think it would have the effect of preventing the recurrence of so many mistakes in the semi-annual returns of Subordinate Lodges.

We therefore submit the following :

Resolved,—That the foregoing report be adopted.

JOHN J. RAMSAY, JOHN GIBSON,
GEO. IRWIN, T. L. PAINE,
HENRY NORTHWOOD.

Rep. Thos. Lawless, from the Committee on Correspondence, submitted the following report, which was adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Correspondence, Petitions, &c., beg to report that they have examined the documents assigned them, and would submit the following resolutions for the consideration of the Grand Lodge :

1 *Resolved*.—That the instructions of the Grand Master, directing the Grand Secretary to procure a new Grand Lodge Seal be confirmed, said instructions having been given in pursuance of the action of the Ingersoll Session of Grand Lodge.

2 *Resolved*,—That the instructions of the Grand Master, directing the Grand Secretary to procure new Charter blanks be approved.

3 *Resolved*,—That the investment of $500, Grand Lodge funds, in Dominion Stock, with all correspondence relating thereto, be approved.

4 *Resolved*,—That the action of the Grand Master in granting Cards to Bros. J. M. O'Connor, Henry Grey, Wm. McNeil and Christopher Sackell of late Thames Lodge, and Bro. McGregor of late Rose Lodge be approved.

5 *Resolved*,—That this Committee is pleased to note the organization of three new Lodges in this jurisdiction, as also their subsequent successful working ; and that we highly approve of the careful and judicious manner in which the several organizations were effected by the G. M., or those deputed by him to perform the work.

6 *Resolved*,—That the dispensations authorizing the organization of Bissell Lodge No. 51, at Mitchell, Covenant Lodge No. 52, at Toronto, and Niagara Falls Lodge No. 53, at Clifton, be confirmed, and that Charters be issued to them without delay.

7 *Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the Grand Lodge should take the steps necessary for the organization of the Rebekah Degree Lodges wherever desired within its jurisdiction ; and that the petition of Bro. J. J. Dyas and others of London, for the dispensation to open such a Lodge be granted.

8 *Resolved*,—That the extracts compiled by the Grand Secretary from the documents referred to in clause 1 of his report, be printed as an appendix to the journal of this Session, in the same manner as was done in the journal of the Ingersoll Session.

Your Committee have examined the correspondence laid before them and beg to report their pleasure at the fraternal tone in which the correspondence of

the past year was conducted; as well as the evident prosperity of the Order shown thereby.

There are a few documents requiring special attention from this Committee.

We are pleased to notice that invitations were extended to the G. S. by several Lodges in the jurisdiction to attend sociables held by them.

The several Circulars issued by the G. L. of Ontario and the G. L. U. S. have been before the Lodges, and require no further attention.

The correspondence between the G. S. and Grand Sire Farnsworth, respecting the W. and O. Fire and Life Insurance Company, informs us that said company is in successful operation; a fact that we are pleased to note, and we would recommend it to the patronage of the Brotherhood.

The address of P. G. Sire Veitch, laid before us, is an able document, and should be in the hands of every Odd Fellow.

We are pleased to see that the G. S. has succeeded in obtaining reduced fares on the G. W. R. for reps. attending this Session, and recommend that the thanks of this G. L. be conveyed by the G. S. to the Managing Director of said Railway for his liberality.

Respectfully submitted.

THOS. LAWLESS, R. J. C. DAWSON,
GEO. DENNIS, PAUL HIDDEN.

Jas. Woodyatt, Grand Rep., from the Special Committee appointed to consider the communication from the Odd Fellows' Provident Association, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

The Special Committee appointed to consider the Rules and Regulations of the Odd Fellows' Provident Association of Ontario, beg to report that they have carefully considered the same and suggest the following alterations and amendments thereto:

1. That the word "Provident" be struck out wherever it occurs, referring to the name of the Association, and the word "Benevolent" substituted therefor.

2 Article 2, section 1, after the word "standing" in the third line, insert the words, "as defined by Grand Lodge."

3. Article 2, section 2, clause *b*, after the word "health" at the end of the second line, add "from a surgeon named by the Lodge."

3. Article 2, section 2, clause *d*, strike out the words "in the funds," in the second line, and insert in lieu thereof the words "to the Treasurer."

4. Article 3, section 1, clause *a*, after the word "fees" insert the word "donations."

5. Article 3, section 1, clause *c*, make the last line read thus, "and from the other, the necessary expenses, if required."

6. Article 3, section 2, clause *b*, strike out the word "Treasurer" in the eighth line.

7. Article 3, section 2, clause *b*, strike out the word "Treasurer" in the second line.

8. Article 4, after the words "Vice-President," strike out the word "and," between the words "Secretary-Treasurer," insert the words "and a."

9. Article 5, section 2, insert the word "three" at the end of the first line, and strike out the word "two" in the fifth line, and insert in lieu thereof the word "one."

10. Article 5, section 3, insert the word "three" before "representatives" in first line, and strike out all after article IV.

11. Article 5, section 5, strike out the word "Treasurer" where it appears in the fifth line, and the word "Secretary" where it appears in the eighth line.

12. Strike out the word "drunkenness" in the eight line, and substitute the word "intemperance."

With these changes we would recommend it to the favorable consideration of the Members of the Order.

In conclusion we beg to move the following:

Resolved,—That the foregoing Report be adopted.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAS. WOODYATT, HENRY McAFEE,
THOS. LAWLESS, T. A. TARRANT,
HUGH BLAINE.

The following was resolved in the affimative:

Moved by Rep. John Smith, seconded by Rep. A. Frew:

Resolved,—That the sum of $5 be reimbursed by the Grand Lodge to Dominion Lodge No. 48, being the amount of percentage paid to the Grand Lodge on donation of $50, presented to Dominion Lodge by Forest City Lodge.

The following, moved by Rep. H. Blain, seconded by Rep. J. G. Dodd, was agreed to:

Resolved,—That the elective Grand Officers be authorized to purchase before our next annual session, for the use of this Grand Lodge and its officers, a complete set of regalia and jewels, the necessary expense and cost to be defrayed by this Grand Lodge.

Rep. T. A. Tarrant, from the Committee on Printing, submitted the following report, which was, on motion, taken up and considered *seriatim*, and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:

Report of Committee on Printing.—Having examined clauses 5, 6 and 7 of the Grand Secretary and Treasurer's report, we beg leave to advise as follows:

1. In regard to the Grand Secretary's action in getting one hundred copies of our Subordinate Lodge charters printed, that this action be sustained.

2. With regard to the blank charters received from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, that the Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge be instructed to acknowledge the receipt of the same, and to inform the Grand Secretary of Michigan Grand Lodge that, as we have a stone for printing our Lodge charters, we shall not require to procure them from any other source.

3. With regard to clause 6 of the Grand Secretary's report, we advise that his action in the matter be sustained.

4. With regard to clause 7, we beg to refer the same to the Committee on Legislation.

In conclusion, your Committee would move the adoption of this report.

Yours, in F. L. and T.,

T. A. TARRANT, WM. McNEIL,
JOHN SCHNEIDER, WM. IRVING.

H. McAfee, Grand Representative, from the Special Committee appointed to consider the letter received from Thos. Tindill, of the Manchester Unity, I. O. O. F., submitted the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:

The Special Committee appointed to meet Mr Thomas Tindill in response to a letter from him addressed to the M. W. G. Master, beg leave most respectfully to report that they met Mr. Tindill last evening, and had considerable conversation with the gentleman about merging the Canadian I. O. F. M U. into our Order by initiation, but that nothing definite could be arrived at, as Mr. Tindill was not authorized to communicate officially by that Order, and the question of

mergement of said Canadian Order O. F. into our Order, remains as it was before said conference.

We therefore ask to be discharged from further consideration of this matter.

Respectfully submitted in F. L. and T.

HENRY McAFEE,
JAMES WOODYATT,
THOMAS PARTRIDGE.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned at 6.30 p. m., to meet at 8. 15 p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

GRAND LODGE ROOM, 8.15 P. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment, Grand Master Bro. Barr in the chair.

Roll called; all the Officers and Representatives present.

Minutes of the afternoon session were read and approved.

The following moved by Rep. John Gibson, seconded by Rep. Geo. Dennis, was not agreed to:

Resolved,—That the amount of twelve dollars, charged Covenant Lodge for Working and Degree Books by this Grand Lodge, be refunded.

Rep. J. J. Dyas moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

Resolved,—That this Grand Lodge loan to the Grand Encampment, about to be instituted, the sum of One Hundred Dollars, if applied for.

The following, moved by Rep. J. W. Ferguson, seconded by Rep. A. Frew, was adopted:

Resolved,—That this Grand Lodge most cordially recommend the *Canadian Star* of Odd Fellowship, published by Bro. P. G., Thomas Lawless, to the support of the members of the Order generally; and that the Grand Lodge subscribe for one copy for each subordinate Lodge, to be paid from the funds of this Grand Lodge.

Rep. H. Blain, from the Committee on Legislation, submitted the following Report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

Your Committee on Legislation beg most respectfully to submit the following Report:

Your Committee are of opinion that they cannot, according to justice, recommend that the subordinate Lodges be compelled to purchase their supplies from this Grand Lodge at the present exorbitant prices. Your Committee would therefore advise that the figures to be charged by this Grand Lodge be so arranged, as to induce the various Lodges to purchase the aforesaid supplies through this R. W. Grand Body.

H. BLAIN,
J. B. McINTYRE,
ROBERT EVANS,
JOHN BOWDEN.

In pursuance to notice given last year, the following amendment to the Constitution was submitted by Rep. J. J. Dyas, seconded by Rep. J. G. Dodd:

Resolved,—That Article 2, Clause 4, of the Constitution of the subordinate Lodges be amended as follows: "That one-third of the quarterly contribution be placed to the credit of the W. & O. Fund, instead of one-fifth, as it now reads."

Rep. J. B. McIntyre moved in amendment, seconded by Rep. P. B. Hatch, "That the proposed amendment be laid upon the table for one year.

The amendment prevailed, and the original motion was lost.

Rep. A. Frew, from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following Report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

We, your Committee on Finance, have considered the motion of Rep. J. J. Dyas, seconded by Rep. Thos. Lawless, That this Grand Lodge lend the Grand Encampment, about to be instituted in this Jurisdiction, the sum of One Hundred Dollars, if applied for.

We would therefore, (in consideration that this Grand Lodge, having ample funds, and to spare) report, that the motion of Rep. J. J. Dyas, as follows, be adopted, viz:

Resolved,—That the Elective Officers of this Grand Lodge be authorized, if applied to in that behalf, to lend to the R. W. Encampment, about to be instituted, the sum of one hundred dollars.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ARCH'D FREW, JAMES BIRD,
THOS. McKEE, JOHN WRIGHT,
THOMAS BROWN.

Rep. A. Frew, Chairman of the Committee on Finance, presented the following:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:

Your Finance Committee have great pleasure to inform this Grand Body, that the books, papers and accounts of this Lodge, are and have been kept in the most perfect order, by our Worthy Grand Secretary, in consequence of which your Committee's duties were thereby materially facilitated; we have much pleasure, therefore, in bearing testimony to the manner in which the accounts of this Lodge have been kept.

Yours in F. L. & T.,

ARCH. FREW,
Chairman.

The following, moved by Rep. John J. Ramsay, seconded by Rep. McIntyre, was adopted:

Resolved,—That the motion striking out the clause, in the report of the Committee on Revision of Constitution, referring to the election of officers, be reconsidered.

The following, on motion of Rep. R. Evans, seconded by Rep J. B. McIntyre, was agreed to:

Resolved,—That the Grand Lodge hear the amendments to the Constitution, as proposed by the Revision Committee, without any discussion whatever, and that this Grand Lodge order the same to be printed, and copies to be sent to all the Subordinate Lodges in this jurisdiction, there to be discussed, so that the representatives will be in a position at the next session of this Grand Lodge to meet the wishes of the members of the Order in general.

The following moved by Rep. J. G. Dodd, seconded by Rep. M. D. Dawson, was adopted,

Resolved,—That this Grand Lodge recognizing the great benefits to be derived by Odd Fellows from the perusal of periodicals devoted to the furtherance of the Order and recognizing the great interest taken by the "Olive Wreath" in

Canadian Odd Fellowship, we beg to recommend it to the various lodges in the jurisction as a periodical worthy of support.

By consent the reading of the Report of the Committee on Revision was dispensed with, and the report ordered to be printed in pamphlet form, as per resolution to that effect.

The following was resolved in the affirmative:

On motion of Rep. T. A. Tarrant, seconded by Rep. Blume,

Resolved,—That the course pursued by the Brethren of Hamilton in dispensing with a public dinner in honor of this Grand Lodge, meets with our hearty approval and make it our earnest request and advice that their example may be followed by our brethren everywhere in this jurisdiction for all time to come.

On motion of Rep. J. J. Dyas, seconded Rep. J. J. Ramsay, the Grand Lodge now proceeded to the nomination and election of Officers.

The Grand Master appointed Reps. G. H. Marlatt, and J. J. Dyas tellers.

Grand Rep. H. McAfee nominated by D. G. M. T. Partridge, for Grand Master, declared elected by acclamation.

P.G. Jas. Smith nominated John Smith for Deputy Grand Master.

" G. Powell	"	R. Kirkpatrick	"
" W. Bissell	"	J. J. Ramsay	"
" R. Wigmore	"	A. Frew	"
" J. G. Dodd	"	J. W. Ferguson	"
" G H. Marlatt	"	R. Barbour	"
" R. Kirkpatrick	"	T. Healy	"
P. B. Hatch	"	C. E. Peirce	"

P.G's. G.Powell and R. Barbour declined the nomination.

Rep. J. J. Ramsay dropped on 1st ballot.
" A. Frew withdrew after 1st ballott.
" T. Healey elected on 2nd ballot.

Rep. Jas. Smith nominated Jno Smith for Grand Warden.

" J. Kuntz	"	R. Barbour	"
" J. Hunter	"	Jas. Heron	"
" H. C. Bingham	"	J. J. Ramsay	"
" H. McAfee	"	Jno Gibson	"
" J. J. Dyas	"	J. Ferguson	"
" R. Wigmore	"	A. Frew	"
" W. Bissell	"	J. Wright	"
" J. J. Ramsay	"	C. E. Peirce	"
" Jas. Smith	"	J. J. Dyas	"

Reps. Jno. Smith, Jas. Heron, J. W. Ferguson, A. Few and J. J. Dyas withdrew.

Reps. J. Gibson and C. E. Peirce withdrew after 1st ballot.

Rep. J. Wright declared elected on 3rd ballot.

Rep. Ferguson nominated J. B. King for Grand Secretary and Treasurer, declared elected by acclamation.

P.G. J. Hutchinson nominated J. Barr for Grand Representative.

" J. Hunter	"	Jas. Woodyatt	"
" J. Heron	"	R. Wigmore	"
" G. Irwin	"	Jas. Smith	"

" J. G. Dodd	"	S. G. Dolson	"
" M. D. Dawson	"	H. C. Bingham	"
" E. Beltz	"	W. Bissell	"

Reps. R. Wigmore, S. G. Dolson and H. C. Bingham declined.

Rep. W. Bissell dropped on 1st ballot.

Grand Rep. Jas. Woodyatt re-elected on 2nd ballot.

Installation of Officers being in order, Grand Rep. H. McAfee and P. G. M. H. C. Bingham introduced Thos. Partridge G. M. elect, who was therefore duly installed into the dignified position of Grand Master.

The same Brothers then presented Rep. T. Healy of Union Lodge Deputy Grand Master elect, who was duly installed.

The same Brothers then presented Rep. Jno. Wright of Brock Lodge No. 9, Grand Warden elect, who was thereupon duly installed. The same Committee then presented J. B. King, of Gore Lodge No. 34, Grand Secretary and Treasurer elect, who was duly installed.

The Grand Master then made the following appointments:

P.G. M. Blume	Grand Conductor
" G. H. Marlatt	" Marshall
" J. B. McIntyre	" Guardian
" J. W. Ferguson	" Chaplain

And also appointed the following District Deputy Grand Masters:

P.G. W. Fitzsimmons	Brockville.
" Jas. Bird	St. Catharines.
" Isaac Smith	Chatham.
" J. G. Dodd	London.
" V. S. Milkes	Pt. Burwell.
" P. B. Hatch	Brantford.
" J. F. Morey	Ingersoll.
" Robert Barbour	St. Marys.
" F. Winkler	Stratford.
" Thos. Lawless	Hamilton.
" Geo. Irwin	Windsor.
" J. D. Anderson	Newbury.
" Hugh Blain	Toronto.
" J. C. Lindop	Tilsonburg.
" Robt. Eggleton	Mitchell.
" Thos. McKee	Clifton.

The following, on motion of Rep. J. J. Ramsay, seconded by Rep. T. L. Paine, was adopted:

Whereas, owing to the very considerable increase of Lodges and members in this jurisdiction, the work pertaining to the office of R. W. G. Secretary has been greatly augmented, consuming much valuable time of that officer, therefore it is

Resolved,—That the salary of that officer be hereby increased from $100 to $150.

Rep. T. T. Irving, seconded by Rep. John Gibson, moved the following:

Resolved,—That the funds of this Grand Lodge be invested in the names of the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master and the Secretary, as each may be elected

annually, and that the amount invested in U. S. Bonds be, as soon as practicable, disposed of and invested in Canadian securities.

Rep. J. J. Dyas, seconded by Rep. S. Flory, moved in amendment as follows:

Resolved,—That all after the word "annually" be struck out.

The resolution as amended was adopted.

Rep. P. B. Hatch, from the Committee on Mileage and Per-diem, submitted the following report, amended and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:

We, your Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, beg to submit the following table and resolution, viz.:

TABLE OF MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

Name of Lodge.	No.	No. of Miles Travelled	No. of Reps.	Rate per mile.	Amount of Mileage.	No. of Days.	Rate per Diem.	Total of Mileage and per Diem.
Brock	9	464	2	4 cts	$39 52	2	$2 00	$47 52
Union	16	74	3	4	" 68	2	2 00	19 68
Chatham	29	280	2	4	22 40	2	2 00	30 40
Eureka	30	152	4	4	24 32	2	2 00	38 32
Erie	33	174	1	4	6 96	2	2 00	10 96
Gore	34	72	2	4	5 76	2	2 00	15 76
Samaritan	35	114	2	4	9 12	2	2 00	17 12
St. Marys	36	142	2	4	11 36	2	2 00	19 36
Forest City	38	152	4	4	24 32	2	2 00	40 32
Avon	41	122	2	4	9 76	2	2 00	17 76
Excelsior	44		3			2	2 00	14 00
Frontier	45	372	3	4	44 64	2	2 00	56 64
Mount Zion	46	226	1	4	9 04	2	2 00	13 04
Unity	47		2	4		2	2 00	8 00
Dominion	48	152	2	4	12 16	2	2 00	20 16
Canada	49	78	1	4	3 12	2	2 00	7 12
Otter	50	144	1	4	5 76	1	2 00	7 76
Bissell	51	148	1	4	5 92	2	2 00	9 92
Covenant	52	78	2	4	6 24	2	2 00	14 24
Niagara Falls	53	86	1	4	3 44	2	2 00	7 44
Grand Officers Present.								
Grand Master	—		1	4		2	2 00	4 00
Deputy Grand Master	—	152	1	4	6 08	3	2 00	12 08
Grand Warden	—	152	1	4	6 08	2	2 00	10 00
Grand Sec. and Treas.	—	72	1	4	2 88	3	2 00	8 88
Grand Rep. to G. L. U. S.	—	72	1	4	2 88	3	2 00	8 88
Grand " " " "	—	372	1	4	14 88	2	2 00	18 88
Grand Marshall	—	64	1	4	2 56	2	2 00	6 56
Grand Conductor	—	142	1	4	5 68	2	2 00	9 68
Grand Guardian	—	72	1	4	2 88	2	2 00	6 88
			50					$500 44

The foregoing table is made at 4 cents per mile, and two dollars per diem.

In conclusion, your Committee beg to submit the following resolution, viz:

Resolved,—That the foregoing report be adopted, and that the Grand Master do issue orders on the Grand Treasurer in accordance therewith in favor of the Officers and Representatives.

P. B. HATCH, GEO. POWELL, SR.,
G. H. MARLATT, JNO. SCHNEIDER,
M. BLUME.

Rep. T. T. Irving moved, seconded by Rep. John Gibson, the following:

Resolved,—That when this Grand Lodge adjourns it does so to meet at Stratford, on first Wednesday in August, 1870.

When Rep. Hutchinson, of Brock Lodge, arose to a question of order, which was not sustained, but upon consideration the subject was left over till a later hour in the session.

The following, moved by Rep. J. Heron, seconded by Rep. T. Brown, was adopted unanimously:

Resolved,—That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due, and are hereby tendered to the Officers and members of Excelsior and Unity Lodges for the use of their room during the session.

Grand Rep., H. McAfee, moved that the Grand Lodge have 500 copies of the Grand Lodge proceedings printed as early as possible.

The Grand Lodge resolved itself into secret session, when the Grand Representatives proceeded to instruct the Grand Lodge in the unwritten work; after which the Grand Lodge proceeded with the regular business.

Rep. J. Gibson's motion relative to adjournment was again taken up, when it was moved in amendment by Rep. J. Hutchinson, seconded by Rep. J. Wright:

Resolved,—That the word Stratford be stricken out, and the word Brockville inserted.

Whereupon Rep. J. Gibson withdrew his motion, and the question recurring upon the amendment of Rep. J. Hutchinson, which thus became the original motion, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The following was moved by Rep. M. Blume, seconded by Rep. J. J. Ramsay, and unanimously agreed to:

Resolved,—That the sincere thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to the retiring officers and members of this Grand Lodge for the efficient manner in which they have discharged the duties devolving upon them during the past year, so much to the prosperity of the Order.

The following, moved by Rep. James Smith, seconded by P. G. M., John Barr, was resolved in the affirmative:

Resolved,—That the Grand Secretary be instructed to order the *American Oddfellow*, from Bro. Orr, for the ensuing year, say one copy to each of the Subordinate Lodges in this jurisdiction.

The following, on motion of Rep. James Smith, seconded by Rep. J. J. Dyas, was adopted:

Resolved,—That the sum of four dollars be paid to the Janitors, and that a draft be drawn on the Treasurer for the amount.

The following, moved by Rep. H. Blain, seconded by Rep. M. Blume, was resolved in the negative:

Resolved,—That a Committee of three be appointed by this Lodge to confer with the Manchester Unity Order of Odd Fellows, during the ensuing year, for the purpose of bringing about a union of the two Orders in this Province, and report at the next session of this Grand Lodge.

On motion, the Grand Lodge then adjourned, to meet in the town of Brockville, on the first Wednesday in August, 1870.

J. B. KING,
Grand Secretary & Treasurer.

Sixteenth Annual Communication,

HELD AT THE

TOWN OF BROCKVILLE, ONT.

BROCKVILLE, August 3rd, 1870.

Brock Lodge No. 9 having assembled at 9 o'clock a. m., the M. W. Grand Master, Officers and Representatives of the Grand Lodge of Ontario being in waiting, were introduced by Grand Conductor, M. Blume, and were welcomed by Bro. W. H. Cole, N. G. of Brock Lodge who on behalf of that Lodge tendered the free use of the Lodge and Ante-Rooms, and invited the Grand Lodge to a Pic-Nic on Friday next. The M- W. Grand Master, on behalf of the Grand Lodge, accepted the use of the beautiful Hall and Ante-Rooms, and would refer the kind invitation to the Grand Lodge in Session.

The M. W. Grand Master then took the Chair, and called the Grand Lodge to order. All present having been found correct, the Warden, by direction of the Grand Master, declared the Grand Lodge duly open. The Roll of Officers being called, the following were present:

THOS. PARTRIDGE.....*M. W. Grand Master.*
T. HEALY.....*R. W. Dep. Grand Master.*
JOHN WRIGHT.....*R. W. Grand Warden.*
J. B. KING.....*R. W. Grand Sec. & Treas.*

JAMES WOODYATT.....R. W. Grand Rep. G.L.U.S.
HENRY McAFEE..... " "
G. H. MARLATT.....R. W. Grand Marshal.
M. BLUME.....R. W. Grand Conductor.
JOHN B. McINTYRE.....R. W. Grand Guardian.

Also a quorum of Representatives.

The Grand Master appointed the following Committee on Credentials:

H. McAfee, P. G. M.; R. Wigmore, P. G. M.; and J. B. King, Grand Sec. & Treas.

H. McAfee, Grand Rep., from the Committee on Credentials, submitted the following Report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Credentials beg to offer the following as their report:

We find proper Credentials and P. G.'s Certificates from the Lodges named for the following named P. G.'s, and recommend that the Grand Lodge Degree be conferred on them, and that they be admitted to seats in this R. W. Grand Body, viz.:

WM. M. SEATON JOHN TAYLOR, JR.	Rep. *Brock Lodge,*	No. 9.
LEWIS DORR HARPER WILSON GEORGE WALES	" *Union Lodge,*	" 16.
J. SCHNEIDER WM. N. SMITH	" *Chatham Lodge,*	" 29.
SAMUEL ATKINS JOHN ATKINS JOHN HUNTER THOMAS BROWN	" *Eureka Lodge,*	" 30.
GEORGE W. PONTINE	" *Erie Lodge,*	" 33.
W. S. CAMPBELL R. MATHISON	" *Gore Lodge,*	" 34.
J. F. McDONALD T. SIMONS	" *Samaritan Lodge,*	" 35.
JOHN McLEAN WM. N. FORD	" *St. Mary's Lodge,*	" 36.
WILLIAM BISSELL E. BELTZ H. E. BUTTERY C. F. HANSON	" *Forest City Lodge,*	" 38.
JOHN GIBSON T. T. IRVING WM. MOWATT	" *Avon Lodge,*	" 41.
JOHN RICHMOND HENRY GRIFFITH	" *Excelsior Lodge,*	" 44.
ALFRED HAY THOS. REID WM. FERGUSON	" *Frontier Lodge,*	" 45.
W. F. ROOME	" *Mt. Zion Lodge,*	" 46.
JOHN SMITH W. D. KENNEDY	" *Unity Lodge,*	" 47.
ISAAC HOGG C. T. CAMPBELL	" *Dominion Lodge,*	" 48.
M. BLUME W. R. ROBERTS ROBERT TAYLOR	" *Canada Lodge,*	" 49.
J. N. MATHEWS	" *Otter Lodge*	" 50.
WILLIAM BARLEY	" *Bissell Lodge,*	" 51.
J. J. RAMSAY M. E. SNIDER	" *Covenant Lodge,*	" 52.

JOHN MURRAY	"	*Niagara Falls,*	" 53.
JAMES HENRY HENRY ROBERTSON	"	*Collingwood Lodge*	" 54.
P. G. M. R. WIGMORE, of Eureka Lodge,	"	*Queen City of Ontario*	" 56.
THOMAS McADAM	"	*Maple Leaf Lodge*	" 57.
HENRY NICHOLSON	"	*Howard Lodge*	" 58.
WM. FITZSIMMONS	"	*Prince Arthur*	" 59.
WILLIAM IRVING	"	*Wardsville*	" 60.
C. S. MALE	"	*Corinthian Lodge*	" 61.
P. G. M., H. C. BINGHAM, of Gore Lodge	"	*Huron Lodge*	" 62.

Barrie Lodge No. 63, has been instituted July 30, and we find a Certificate in proper form (without seal) for E. R. Carpenter, P. G., of Collingwood Lodge, and we would recommend that he be admitted to a seat as Representative for said Lodge.

We also find the following P. G.'s Certificates in due form, and recommend that they be admitted to seats in this R. W. Grand Lodge :

BROCK LODGE, No. 9.—David Imrie, A. Doig, Frank Young, Hugh Wilkinson, James Mather, Wm. Brownlee, John Tilley, A. C. Dana, John Kyle, Wm. Rusland, John Briggs, C. J. Dewey, Robert Fitzsimmons.

OTTER LODGE, No. 50.—John Dewar.

All of which is respectfully submitted in F. L. & T.

HENRY McAFEE,
R. WIGMORE,
J. B. KING.

The above Representatives were then admitted, and all those who were not in possession of the Grand Lodge Degree, were instructed by the Grand Master.

The M. W. Grand Master then appointed the following Committees, viz :

On Distribution.—James Woodyatt, P. G. M. ; Reps. W. N. Ford, E. Beltz, W. M. Seaton, Wm. N. Smith.

On Returns.—Reps. J. J. Ramsay, Cl. T. Campbell, John McLean, S. Atkins, M. E. Snider.

On Finance.—H. C Bingham, P. G. M., Reps. George Wales, H. E. Buttery, J. Atkins, G. Pontine, John Hunter.

On Laws of Subordinates.—Reps. Wm. Fitzsimmons, J. F. McDonald, H. Grffith, A. Hay, Thomas Brown.

On Appeals.—S. G. Dolson, P. G. M., Reps. H. Robertson, W. D. Kennedy, W. S. Campbell, Robert Matheson.

On Legislation—Reps. C. F. Hanson, W. F. Roome, Richard Wigmore, John Gibson, J. Taylor, Jr.

On Correspondence.—Reps. H. Nicholson, Wm. Ferguson, J. Hogg, R. Taylor, Harper Wilson.

On State of the Order.—H. C. Bingham, P. G. M. ; Reps. W. Mowatt, John Murray, Henry McAfee, W. Bissell.

On Printing.—J. B. King, Grand Sec. & Treas., and Reps. Louis Dorr, J. N. Mathews William Barley.

On Petitions.—Reps. T. T. Irving, Tjabo Simons, William Irving, W. R. Roberts, John Smith.

On Mileage and per Diem.—Reps. John Richmond, Thomas McAdam, M. Blume, J. Schneider, James Henry, John Taylor.

The Grand Master, T. Partridge, then submitted his Annual Report, which was on motion referred to the Committee on Distribution :

GRAND MASTER'S REPORT.

To the Officers and Representatives of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:

The Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, and custom, require the Grand Master to report to the Grand Lodge, at the expiration of his term of office, the condition of the order in this jurisdiction, likewise his official acts and matters pertaining thereto. The following report is respectfully submitted.

When elected to my present position, I determined to make every effort to discharge all the duties devolving upon me by virtue of my office of Grand Master, believing it to be my bounden duty to counterbalance any lack of ability, by zeal and perseverance.

I have visited a large majority of the Subordinate Lodges during my term of office, and have much pleasure and gratification in reporting the general uniformity and correctness which exists throughout the jurisdiction in the unwritten work of the Order. The result is no doubt mainly owing to the faithful performance of duty by their respective Representatives

It was my purpose and desire to have visited all the Lodges throughout Ontario, but principally owing to ill health, I was prevented from doing so.

I regret to have to reiterate the remarks of my predecessor in office, Past Grand Master, John Barr, relative to the neglect of a large majority of the D. D. G. Masters to send in their reports, as it is mainly by, and through the reports of the D. D. that the Grand Master is supplied with information upon which to base his report; and would respectfully suggest that some immediate action be taken by the Grand Lodge to remedy this neglect.

From among the almost innumerable questions which have been submitted for my decision, I deem only the following of sufficient importance to embody in my report:

1. That Withdrawal or Clearance Cards must be granted by ballot.

2. A member who is debarred from benefits by the non-payment of dues, cannot by paying his dues entitle himself to benefits for a sickness commencing while he was so disqualified.

3. That a candidate must have received the three Past Official Degrees before he can be nominated for the Office of Degree Master.

4. That the emblems of the Order cannot be used for business purposes.

5. That an applicant for membership by card (in force) must be in possession of the A. T. P. W.

6. That the Noble Grand has the power of appointing all the appointed officers of a Lodge, except the supporters of the V. G., it being understood that appointments are made with the approval of the majority of the Lodge.

7. When the holder of a Withdrawal Card has deposited it, and thereby becomes a member of another Lodge, the Lodge issuing the card has no power to annul it.

8. That a Lodge may, of its own option, initiate a candidate who can neither read nor write.

9. That a sitting Noble Grand has no right to cast a ballot for an Elective office.

Petitions for the following Lodges have been issued; and believing

the best interests of the Order would be promoted by granting warrants for their institution, I have done so accordingly, and organized them personally on the days and times, and at the localities hereinafter mentioned, at the sacrifice of my personal and professional business which I felt assured must inevitably follow. The following comprises the Lodges above referred to, for which I recommend regular charters, viz. :

Collingwood No. 54	Collingwood	Inst'd	Oct. 7, '69
Fidelity No. 55	Seaforth	"	Mar 8, '70
Queen City of Ontario, No. 56	Toronto	"	" 10, "
Maple Leaf No. 57	Orangeville	"	" 24, "
Howard No. 58	Strathroy	"	" 17, "
Prince Arthur No. 59	Kingston	"	Apr 14, "
Wardsville No. 60	Wardsville	"	" 26, "
Corinthian No. 61	Oshawa	"	May 5, "
Huron No. 62	Goderich	"	" 31, "
Barrie No. 63	Barrie	"	July 30, "

In accordance with the vote of this Grand Lodge at its last annual communication, I executed a Charter for Victoria Lodge No. 1 (Daughters of Rebekah) and instituted the same at the City of London, on the third day of December, 1869; the report of said Lodge is herewith submitted.

On the twenty-first day of January last past, at the solicitation of Bro. S. A. Cohen, who represented to me that everything was in readiness to organize a Lodge in the City of Kingston, the Grand Secretary and myself proceeded to Kingston for the purpose aforesaid, but on my arrival, much to my surprise, we found that this statement of Brother Cohen was wholly untrue; in fact, not even a room had been engaged or prepared for the purpose, and we were at last reluctantly compelled to return without accomplishing the object of our mission, though feeling anxious to revive and re-establish the Order in that city. By perseverance I succeeded on the fourteenth day of April, following, in obtaining a foothold, and with the assistance of Bro. John Taylor, P. G., of Brock Lodge, had the gratification of organizing Prince Arthur Lodge, No. 59, and installing the officers thereof.

It affords me great pleasure to testify to the energy, promptness and ability with which the Grand Secretary has executed the official duties appertaining to, or connected with, his office. The duties year by year are becoming more and more onerous, and during the past year have been unusually embarrassing and burdensome, and I cannot, in justice to that officer, allow this opportunity to pass without expressing my opinion as to the inadequacy of his salary in comparison with the work and labor performed; and also, that I would do an act of ingratitude by passing over in silence the many and continued personal obligations and acts of kindness rendered me by him during my occupancy of office. Upon request of R. J. Eggleton, D. D. G. M., of Bissell Lodge, I granted permission to Dr. Mulheron, also a member of Bissell Lodge, to deliver a lecture upon Odd Fellowship in the village of Seaforth, which was followed soon by the establishment of Fidelity Lodge No. 55, at Seaforth.

In February last I received an application by letter from Bros. C. S. Male and Richard Warriner, formerly members of the late Industry

Lodge, Grafton, for cards of clearance, and upon careful investigation, gleaned that Bro. Warriner was not implicated in the disruption of Industry Lodge, and that Bro. C. S. Male was fully exonerated from all blame, which, upon reference to the report of P. G. M., H. C. Bingham, in reference to the demise of said Lodge, will more clearly appear.

Representatives and Brothers, I am gratified to be able to report that the Order in this Province is in a healthy and prosperous condition, its financial and numerical increase being far in excess of any former year; in proof of which I insert the following synopsis.

[This synopsis being substatially the same as the recapitulation in the Grand Secretary's report, is omitted here.]

It would be useless for me to attempt to mention the names of every one who has kindly assisted me during the past year; the members generally appear to me to vie with one another in rendering every assistance in their power for the advancement of Odd Fellowship. Among the number I may more particularly mention Bros. P. G. M.'s Richard Wigmore and H. C. Bingham, District Deputy Hugh Blain and Grand Conductor M. Blume.

In the discharge of my duty as your Chief Executive Officer, I have endeavored to act without fear, favor or partiality, and kept in view the fact that "*no footstep in life can ever be retraden.*"

In conclusion, Brothers, I thank you one and all for your kind assistance and co-operation so often needed and so freely tendered.

THOMAS PARTRIDGE,
Grand Master.

The R. W. Grand Secretary and Treasurer submitted his Annual Report and Statement, which was on motion referred to the Committee on Distribution:

GRAND SECRETARY AND TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the M. W. Grand Master, Officers and Representatives of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario.

BROTHERS,—For the fourth time I now submit to you the annual statement of the doings of this Grand Lodge, as also an account of the business transacted in my office.

The year has indeed been one of unexampled prosperity, and is, I trust, a fair indication of what we may expect for the coming year.

Clause 1.—As early as possible after the close of the last session, I asked for and received tenders for printing the Journal of 1869. That of the Brantford *Expositor* being satisfactory I accepted, and with all despatch I compiled the minutes and proceedings of the session, and had printed 500 copies (in pursuance of resolution to that effect, Journal of 1869, p. 381), copies of which were at once sent to each Lodge, member of this Grand Lodge, and one to each State Grand Lodge in the United States, as also to each State Grand Encampment.

Clause 2.—Those duties specially assigned me by resolution have been promptly attended to. The return due the Grand Lodge, United States, has been promptly sent; I bought a draft on New York for $265.50, the amount due the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States for representative tax and supplies, and sent the same per Jas. Woodyatt, Grand Representative, the receipt whereof was duly acknowledged.

Clause 3.—The resolution authorizing me to have printed in book form blank returns, has been carried into effect, and each Lodge supplied with one copy, for which I have charged 75c.

Clause 4.—As per resolution on page 377, Journal of 1869, I had printed a number of copies of the Report of the Committee on Revision of Constitution, and sent to each Lodge a number of copies, with a circular, stating that any amendment or alteration the Lodges might suggest would have to be sent me in time to give each Lodge three months' notice thereof. Alterations and amendments were received from Chatham Lodge 29, Frontier Lodge 45, Covenant Lodge 52, Collingwood Lodge 54, Gore Lodge 34, which were at once printed and distributed.

Clause 5.—Application having been made as per resolution to that effect (page 377 of Journal, '69) by the R. W. Grand Encampment, one hundred dollars of the Grand Lodge funds was loaned to that body.

Clause 6.—Agreeably to resolution, page 375 of Journal '69, I asked for a price list of Regalia from the several leading manufacturers in the United States, which were duly received, and by direction of the Grand Master I requested Messrs. Sisco Bros. of Baltimore, D. B. Harrington of Chicago, and J. O. Melick of Detroit, to send samples, which was done. That sent by Bro. J. O. Melick, of Detroit, from the factory of Mrs. Wm. Curtis, being deemed the best, was chosen, together with the set of Jewels accompanying them, and seeing the necessity of some secure receptacle for the same, I had made a leather case for them; there were no hooks to the Jewels, which want I have supplied. I sent Charters to the following Lodges: Bissell Lodge No. 51, Mitchell; Covenant Lodge No. 52, Toronto; and Niagara Falls Lodge No. 53, Clifton.

Clause 7.—In pursuance of resolution of Rep. J. W. Ferguson, page 376 of Journal '69, I subscribed for one copy of the "Canadian Star of Odd Fellowship" for each Subordinate Lodge, paying therefor the sum of $25.

Clause 8.—In pursuance of resolution, page 381 of Journal '69, I instructed Bro. J. W. Orr to continue to send one copy of the "American Odd Fellow" to each Lodge, which I believe has been done.

Clause 9.—The resolution on page 375 of Journal '69, instructing me to refund the sum of five dollars to Dominion Lodge No. 48, London, has been attended to, and the money paid.

Clause 10.—The correspondence of the past year has been very extensive, and as far as practicable has been promptly attended to; the whole of which is now laid before you. It has all been of the most satisfactory nature. I am under many obligations to the M. W. Grand Master for many courtesies and favors extended to me.

Clause 11.—I communicated with the G. W. Railway, the Grand Trunk Railway, and the Canadian Navigation Co., with a view to a reduced rate of fare for the members of this Grand Lodge and their families; the application was most favorably considered by each Company, and special rates granted. The correspondence, together with a copy of the circular issued, is herewith submitted.

Clause 12.—The returns of all Lodges for the term ending 31st December, 1869, were duly received; and also for the term ending 30th June, have been received, many of which show that due care has not been exercised in their getting up. A little extra trouble taken in making out the semi-annual Reports would save your Grand Secretary much trouble and anxiety.

CLAUSE 13.—The financial statement, assets, &c., of the Grand Lodge is herewith submitted. The large amount expended is accounted for, by the purchase of Regalia and Jewels, printing report of Committee on Revision, and for supplies purchased for the new Lodges instituted, many of them requesting me to procure them an outfit of Books, Forms, &c., which I did; allowing each Lodge to pay for the same when paying for the usual supplies at the end of the term; this course has been, I believe, appreciated by the Lodges, and I have to ask your approval of the course pursued.

CLAUSE 14.—A number of appeals have been sent me; one by P. G. Thos. Brown, of Eureka Lodge, against the action of that Lodge, in the matter of Bro. McIntyre; by P. G. C. B. Taylor, late of Avon Lodge, against the action of that Lodge expelling him; M. D. Dawson, of Forest City, against the action of that Lodge in its action with the family of Bro. Lester; by P. G., J. M. O'Connor, of Mitchell, against the action of Bissell Lodge in its election of Representative; Bro. Wigmore of Eureka Lodge, against the action of that Lodge in the case of J. H. Irwin. All of which are herewith submitted.

Clause 15.—The following accounts have been received, viz: From the Grand Lodge of the United States, for Representative Tax and Supplies, $331.00. From Union Lodge No. 16, for the expenses incurred at the institution of this Grand Lodge, $128.00. From Gore Lodge No. 34, for the same purpose. $40.00.

Clause 16.—I received from the Grand Secretary of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Vermont, a letter, asking if we had any blank Charters for American jurisdictions to sell; I replied that we had, and would supply them at $2.00 each. I have received from them an order for six blanks, but on looking over I find that the supply has been exhausted. Messrs. Chewett & Co., of Toronto, have on hand one hundred copies of blanks, from the stones belonging to the Grand Lodge, which we can purchase for $50.00. I have to ask you whether it would be advisable to purchase them to fill so small an order. Finding that the expenses of the primary session would reach a very high figure, in order not to be short of funds, I withdraw again from the Post Office Department the sum of $290.00.

Clause 17.—By-Laws of Corinthian Lodge No. 61; as also some amendments made by Gore Lodge No. 34, and Excelsior Lodge No. 44, are herewith submitted. I have a copy of the new book of forms, issued by the Grand Lodge of U. S., copies of which may be ordered.

Clause 18.—The Annual Reports of the following State Grand Lodges have been received, viz: Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Delaware, Indiana, Iowa, Illinois, Kansas, Lower Provinces B. N. A., Louisana, Minnesota, Massachusetts, Michigan, Mississippi, New York, Nebraska, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin. And from the following Grand Encampments: Connecticut, District of Columbia, Iowa, Illinois, Pennsylvania and West Virignia.

Clause 19.—The Receipts and expenses of the past year have been as follows:

RECEIPTS.

Charter Fees	$ 300 00
Percentage	1666 90
Supplies	271 98
Interest	41 75
	$2280 63

EXPENSES.

Paid out for all purposes	$1633 19
Excess of Receipts	$ 647 44

A detailed statement of which will supplement this report.

J. B. KING, R. W. GRAND SECRETARY AND TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE R. W. GRAND LODGE OF ONTARIO, I. O. O. F.

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1869.			
Aug. 4,	To balance		$1023 06
" 5,	Cash from Dominion Lodge, account		3 54
Sept. 4,	P. O. Deposit withdrawn		245 00
" 25,	Collingwood Lodge, Charter Fee		30 00
Nov. 9,	Cash, Bissell Lodge, Account		6 00
1870.			
Jan. 7,	" Bissell Lodge,	Percentage	24 35
" 7,	" Gore do	Account	6 20
" 8,	" Union do	Percentage	32 82
" 10,	" Canada do	Percentage	83 80
" 10,	" Covenant do	Percentage	37 95
" 11,	" Chatham do	Percentage	27 37
" 11,	" " do	Account	6 23
" 11,	" Avon do	Percentage	41 60
" 12,	" Frontier do	Percentage	38 64
" 13,	" Eureka do	Percentage	61 10
" 13,	" Forest City	Percentage	66 43
" 13,	" Dominion do	Account	6 00
" 13,	" Forest City	Account	9 60
" 13,	" Collingwood	Percentage	22 07
" 14,	" St. Mary's do	Percentage	19 60
" 14,	" Covenant do	Account	4 20
" 14,	" Gore do	Percentage	32 54
" 14,	" Collingwood	Account	46 35
" 17,	" Niagara Falls	Percentage	24 85
" 22,	" Brock do	Percentage	19 08
" 24,	" Erie do	Percentage	12 70
" 24,	" Erie do	Account	5 30
" 24,	" Mt. Zion do	Account	7 11
Feb. 3,	" Niagara Falls	Percentage	3 00
" 3,	" Samaritan do	Account	3 38
" 3,	" Samaritan do	Percentage	20 04
" 4,	" Prince Arthur	Charter Fee	30 00
" 4,	" Otter Lodge	Percentage	12 20
" 4,	" Otter do	Account	4 77
" 17,	" Fidelity do	Charter Fee	30 00
" 24,	" Maple Leaf	Charter Fee	30 00
Mar. 1,	" Queen City of Ont.	do	30 00
" 16,	" Howard	do	30 00
" 24,	" Interest on U. S. Bonds (gold)		11 75
April 22,	" Interest on Dominion Stock, one year		30 00
" 22,	" Wardsville Lodge Charter Fee		30 00
" 25,	" Corinthian do	do	30 00
" 25,	" Excelsior do	Account	5 50

April 25,	"	Excelsior	do	Percentage	34 21
" 25,	"	Unity	do	Percentage	28 84
" 25,	"	Huron	do	Charter Fee	30 00
June 1,	"	Samaritan	do	Account	2 00
July 1,	"	For old desk,			6 00
" 8,	"	Gore	do	Account	0 75
" 8,	"	Gore	do	Percentage	30 54
" 9,	"	Eureka	do	Percentage	78 15
" 9,	"	Eureka	do	Account	6 05
" 9,	"	Forest City	do	Account	5 25
" 9,	"	Forest City	do	Percentage	61 27
" 9,	"	Dominion	do	Percentage	40 32
" 9,	"	Dominion	do	Account	0 75
" 11,	"	Canada	do	Percentage	63 69
" 11,	"	Covenant	do	Percentage	80 06
" 11,	"	Covenant	do	Account	13 82
" 11,	"	Queen City of Ont.		Percentage	28 60
" 11,	"	Fidelity Lodge,		Percentage	30 18
" 11,	"	Fidelity	do	Account	37 60
" 11,	"	Excelsior	do	Account	9 75
" 11,	"	Excelsior	do	Percentage	46 66
" 11,	"	Unity	do	Percentage	51 72
" 11,	"	Unity	do	Account	19 65
" 12,	"	Niagara Falls		Percentage	16 70
" 12,	"	Huron	do	Percentage	13 25
" 12,	"	Collingwood	do	Percentage	48 34
" 12,	"	Union	do	Percentage	4 58
" 12,	"	Union	do	Account	0 75
" 12,	"	Barrie	do	Charter Fee	30 00
" 12,	"	Maple Leaf	do	Percentage	28 80
" 12,	"	Corinthian	do	Percentage	40 27
" 14,	"	Frontier	do	Percentage	41 35
" 14,	"	Otter	do	Percentage	18 58
" 14,	"	Chatham	do	Percentage	39 83
" 14,	"	Howard	do	Percentage	33 35
" 14,	"	Howard	do	Account	20 40
" 14,	"	Brock	do	Account	3 75
" 14,	"	Brock	do	Percentage	26 60
" 16,	"	Avon	do	Percentage	46 30
" 18,	"	Erie	do	Percentage	10 00
" 18,	"	Wardsville		Percentage	7 79
" 18,	"	Mt. Zion	do	Percentage	10 62
" 18,	"	Mt. Zion	do	Account	9 63
" 18,	"	St. Mary's	do	Account	0 75
" 18,	"	St Mary's	do	Percentage	22 00
" 18,	"	Fidelity	do	Balance of Percentage	0 69
" 20,	"	Samaritan	do	Percentage	21 74
" 20,	"	Samaritan	do	Account	0 75
" 20,	"	Bissell	do	Percentage	22 70
" 22,	"	Prince Arthur		Percentage	5 40
" 22,	"	Withdrawn from P. O. Deposit			290 00
		Total,			$3838 69

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Aug. 5,	By paid Mileage and Per Diem, session at Hamilton, 1869:		
" 5,	"	John Barr, G. M.	$ 4 00
" 5,	"	Thos. Partridge, D. G. M.	12 08
" 5,	"	Robt. Kirkpatrick, G. W.	10 08
" 5,	"	J. B. King, G S. and T	8 88
" 5,	"	James Woodyatt, G. Rep.	8 88
" 5,	"	H. McAfee, G. Rep	18 88
" 5,	"	Geo. Wales, G. Marshal	6 56
" 5,	"	Robert Barbour, G. Con.	9 68

Aug. 5,	"	John Noble, G. Guardian		6 88
" 5,	"	J. Hutchinson, Rep.	No. 9	23 76
" 5.	"	J. Wright, "	"	23 76
" 5,	"	T. Healy, "	No. 16	6 56
" 5,	"	J. B. McIntyre, "	"	6 56
" 5,	"	James Bird, "	"	6 56
" 5,	"	Henry Northwood, "	No. 29	15 20
" 5,	"	J. Schneider, "	"	15 20
" 5,	"	James Heron, "	No. 30	10 08
" 5,	"	Samuel Flory, "	"	10 08
" 5,	"	Thos. Brown, "	"	10 08
" 5,	"	Geo. Powell, Sr., "	"	10 08
" 5,	"	Paul Hidden, "	No. 33	10 96
" 5,	"	P. B. Hatch, "	No. 34	6 88
" 5,	"	H. C. Bingham, "	"	8 88
" 5,	"	Jas. F. Morey, "	No. 35	8 56
" 5,	"	Geo. Dennis, "	"	8 56
" 5,	"	Jacob Kuntz, "	No. 36	9 68
" 5,	"	G. H. Marlatt, "	"	9 68
" 5,	"	T. A. Tarrant, "	No. 38	10 08
" 5,	"	James Smith, "	"	10 08
" 5,	"	M. D. Dawson, "	"	10 08
" 5,	"	R. J. C. Dawson, "	"	10 08
" 5,	"	J. Gibson, "	No. 41	8 88
" 5,	"	T. T. Irving, "	"	8 88
" 5,	"	J. W. Ferguson, "	No. 44	6 00
" 5,	"	Robert Evans, "	"	4 00
" 5,	"	Thos. Lawless, "	"	4 00
" 5,	"	Alfred Hays, "	No. 45	18 88
" 5,	"	John Bowden, "	"	18 88
" 5,	"	Geo. Irwin, "	"	18 88
" 5,	"	Wm. Irving, "	No. 46	13 04
" 5,	"	John Smith, "	No. 47	4 00
" 5,	"	Arch'd Frew, "	"	4 00
" 5,	"	J. J. Dyas, "	No. 48	10 08
" 5,	"	J. G. Dodd, "	"	10 08
" 5,	"	J. J. Ramsay, "	No. 49	7 12
" 5,	"	Hugh Blain, "	"	7 12
" 5,	"	T. L. Paine, "	No. 50	7 76
" 5,	"	Wm. McNeil, "	No. 51	9 92
" 5,	"	M. Blume, "	No. 52	7 12
" 5,	"	Thos. McKee, "	No. 53	7 44
" 5,	"	Dominion Lodge, refund		5 00
" 5,	"	J. Calder, Janitor		2 00
" 5,	"	J. Pryke, do		2 00
" 5,	"	J. Barr, G. M., expenses		16 00
" 5,	"	Royal Hotel, board of visitors		16 65
" 6,	"	Cartage and Express of Desk home		1 25
" 7,	"	J. Lyght, stationery		3 00
" 10,	"	Daily Journal and Pens		1 13
" 10,	"	Express to G. M.		0 30
" 10,	"	Grand Lodge U. S. Rep. tax and supplies, $265.50		200 78
" 18,	"	W. C. Trimble, printing Returns		12 25
" 20,	"	Grand Encampment, loan		100 00
Sept. 4,	"	Stewart & Mathison, printing Journal 1869		97 85
" 20,	"	Telegram to Toronto		0 24
Oct'r 6,	"	Post Office Account		9 76
Nov'r 1,	"	Thos. Lawless, one year's subs'n to *Canadian Star*.		24 00
" 1,	"	Commission on Post Office Order		0 20
" 2,	"	W. C. Trimble, printing		5 75
" 9,	"	Stewart & Mathison, printing books for Collingwood		10 75
Dec'r 10,	"	J. Sutherland, stationery, &c , for Lodges		17 50
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Jan. 10,	"	Post Office Account		10 25

Jan. 10,	"	Replaced in P. O. Savings Bank	245 00
" 31,	"	Queen's Printer, advertising Act of Incorporation	7 50
Feb. 2,	"	Telegraph Account	1 50
March 2,	"	Express on Regalia	1 75
" 2,	"	J. O. Melick, Regalia and Jewels for G. L. Officers	218 22
" 2,	"	Insurance on Regalia	2 75
" 2,	"	Expressage on money from Toronto	0 25
" 2,	"	Stewart & Mathison, printing Report of Rev. Com.	55 00
" 19,	"	Freight on Journal G. L. U. S., from California	7 75
" 22,	"	Express to Toronto	0 50
" 22,	"	Express to London	0 25
" 22,	"	Deposit in P. O. Savings Bank	50 00
" 26,	"	Valise for Regalia	15 00
" 26,	"	Express on Supplies, G. L. U. S.	1 60
" 26,	"	Duties on Supplies	2 05
" 30,	"	Stewart & Mathison, printing supplies for Lodges	50 00
April 29,	"	W. C. Trimble, printing supplies for Grand Lodge	17 25
May 7,	"	Montreal Telegraph Company	2 25
" 25,	"	Express on Supplies, G. L. U. S.	1 05
" 25,	"	Duties do	1 78
June 7,	"	Stewart & Mathison, printing supplies, new Lodges	80 62
" 7,	"	Express on G. M. Jewel to Baltimore and return	1 50
July 1,	"	Wm Peirce, new desk	13 00
" 1,	"	P. O. Account, six months	15 80
" 1,	"	Stationery Account	21 45
" 11,	"	Express from Toronto	0 30
" 16,	"	Discount on Draft	0 25
" 16,	"	Expenses attending the institution of Prince Arthur Lodge	22 07
" 16.	"	One year's salary	150 00
		Balance	1810 50
		Total	$3888 69

SUPPLIES ON HAND, JULY 31ST, 1870.

90 Withdrawal Cards at 25c. each	$ 22 50
101 Travelling " 25c. each	25 25
10 Charge Books at $3 each	30 00
6 Degree " $3 each	18 00
4 Rebekah " $2 each	8 00
1 Institution Book	2 00
1 Installation "	2 00
66 Odes at 6c.	3 96
12 Orders for Supplies	15
600 Blank Propositions	9 00
339 " Reports on Character	5 00
200 P. G. Certificates	3 20
112 Rep. "	1 80
11 Books of Blank Returns, 75c	8 25
Stationery, Blanks, &c	15 00
	$154 11

ASSETS OF R. W. GRAND LODGE OF ONTARIO, YEAR ENDING 31ST JULY, 1870.

Amount due by Subordinate Lodges	$ 281 33
" of Stock on hand, as per statement	154 11
" Invested in Dominion Stock	500 00
" Balance in P. O. Savings Bank	10 00
" Interest accrued do	4 15
" Invested in 5-20 U. S. Bonds, '62, $200	167 75
" Cash on hand	1810 50
	$2927 84
Assets last year	2162 10
Increase	$ 765 74

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Abstract from the semi-Annual Returns of Subordinate Lodges, for the year ending 30th June, 1870,

NAME OF LODGE.	Number.	Initiated.	Admitted by Card.	Re-instated.	Withdrawn by Card.	Expelled.	Deaths.	Suspended.	Members in arrears not suspended.	Total Membership.	Degrees conferred.	Number of Brothers relieved.	Number of widowed families relieved.	Amount paid for relief of Brothers.	Amount paid for relief of widowed families.	Amount paid for educating orphans.	Amount paid for burying the dead.	Total Relief.	W. & O. Fund.	General Fund.	Annual Receipts.	Percentage to G. L. of Ontario.
														$ Cts	$ Cts	$ Cts	$ Cts	$ Cts	$ Cts	$ Cts	$ Cts	$ Cts
Brock	9	20	3	..	7	..	2	.	29	84	64	7	4	59 50	110 00	.....	54 69	224 19	1203 92	.....	520 00	45 68
Union	16	23	1	1	.	1	..	12	18	127	48	1	5	126 00	40 00	.....	.....	166 00	2851 99	1600 41	953 00	81 40
Chatham	29	20	..	2	5	..	1	3	39	99	74	8	3	153 00	50 00	.....	30 00	233 00	1428 48	1001 01	735 25	63 45
Eureka	30	38	1	2	1	..	2	6	6	194	55	29	..	350 50	155 00	.....	40 00	545 50	1731 72	2691 15	1432 25	122 37
Erie	33	5	..	3	2	..	1	3	7	45	13	6	6	49 00	22 70	.....	30 00	101 70	587 00	719 32	188 50	21 60
Gore	34	16	1	1	2	..	..	1	9	83	92	1	2	5 00	24 00	60 00	.....	89 00	1087 62	1260 32	728 08	63 08
Samaritan	35	6	1	1	1	1	..	14	16	89	32	13	1	80 00	20 60	.....	.....	100 60	654 54	1075 83	496 87	41 78
St. Mary's	36	9	..	1	2	.	..	1	4	88	42	7	..	81 00	.....	.....	.....	81 00	2000 00	1367 87	494 75	41 80
Forest City	38	46	2	..	15	.	1	..	20	205	120	32	2	346 00	30 00	.....	30 00	406 00	1960 30	3707 01	1681 94	144 58
Avon	41	37	1	1	8	1	2	1	13	118	141	9	3	107 69	137 50	.....	55 29	300 39	500 00	644 91	992 78	87 94
Excelsior	44	38	..	..	4	..	..	..	50	143	87	8	3	44 00	30 00	.....	15 00	89 00	356 37	779 48	903 50	90 78

Samaritan	37	6	1	1	1	..	..	12	16	24	1	..	12 00	.....	.....	.....	81 00	2000 00	1367 87	494 75	41 80
St. Mary's	36	9	..	1	2	.	..	1	4	88	42	7	..	81 00	.....	.....	.....	406 00	1960 30	3707 01	1681 94	144 58
Forest City	38	46	2	..	15	.	1	..	20	205	120	32	2	346 00	30 00	.....	30 00	406 00	1960 30	3707 01	1681 94	144 58
Avon	41	37	1	1	8	1	2	1	13	118	141	9	3	107 69	137 50	.....	55 29	300 39	500 00	644 91	992 78	87 94
Excelsior	44	38	..	..	4	..	..	..	50	143	87	8	3	44 00	30 00	.....	15 00	89 00	356 37	772 48	903 50	80 78
Frontier	45	22	..	..	2	..	2	..	20	121	68	14	4	167 00	30 00	95 70	82 00	374 70	.....	.....	845 25	72 99
Mount Zion	46	6	..	..	7	..	..	..	25	36	35	12	..	42 00	.....	.....	.....	42 00	91 00	587 76	195 76	17 73
Unity	47	28	1	..	..	..	..	..	25	121	124	6	1	130 00	.....	.....	.....	130 00	198 17	660 33	902 35	80 56
Dominion	48	26	2	..	2	..	1	2	8	91	61	10	.	50 50	.....	.....	20 00	70 50	214 35	738 37	802 32	69 97
Canada	49	91	1	..	26	..	2	..	14	131	227	5	..	45 00	.....	.....	52 33	97 33	177 57	2323 49	1573 29	147 49
Otter	50	9	1	..	3	..	..	..	9	39	35	1	..	16 00	.....	.....	2 00	16 00	121 69	239 89	348 67	30 78
Bissell	51	26	1	1	5	..	1	1	15	60	92	5	..	36 00	.....	.....	25 00	61 00	72 08	392 28	561 35	47 05
Covenant	52	69	3	..	12	..	1	.	8	113	174	11	..	116 35	.....	.....	.....	116 35	108 96	675 72	1274 62	118 01
Niagara Falls	53	21	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	46	72	2	..	36 00	.....	.....	.....	36 00	105 19	149 13	450 85	44 55
Collingwood*	54	49	5	..	2	..	..	..	..	52	163	.	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	19 57	260 18	716 76	70 65
Fidelity*	55	27	6	..	.	..	..	..	..	33	62	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	22 11	299 82	319 14	30 87
Queen City of Ont*	56	22	24	..	..	..	..	..	..	46	62	..	1	.....	10 00	.....	.....	10 00	.....	.....	292 17	28 60
Maple Leaf*	57	27	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	32	27	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	32 20	6 22	298 25	28 80
Howard*	58	19	7	..	2	..	..	..	..	24	39	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 10	14 56	210 92	20 49
Prince Arthur*	59	6	5	..	..	..	1	.	..	11	13	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 82	54 08	57 00	5 40
Wardsville*	60	6	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	11	20	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 99	79 97	79 97	7 79
Corinthian*	61	35	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	41	67	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	18 56	197 12	421 35	40 27
Huron*	62	11	9	..	1	..	..	..	..	19	30	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 20	116 00	134 62	13 25
Barrie*†	63	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		758	91	13	109	3	17	44	335	2302	2139	187	35	2040 54	659 80	155 70	434 22	3290 26	15561 46	21635 23	18611 56	1666 90

* Instituted since last Session. † No report due.

AMOUNTS DUE BY SUBORDINATE LODGES, YEAR ENDING JULY 31ST, 1870.

Brock Lodge No. 9	$ 3 76
Chatham Lodge No. 29	0 72
Erie Lodge No 33	1 60
Avon Lodge No. 41	3 50
St. Mary's Lodge No. 36	0 20
Frontier Lodge No. 45	0 35
Dominion Lodge No. 48	3 00
Canada Lodge No. 49	28 25
Otter Lodge No. 50	0 70
Niagara Falls Lodge No. 53	2 50
Collingwood Lodge No. 54	1 00
Queen City of Ontario No. 56	46 58
Maple Leaf Lodge No. 57	44 75
Prince Arthur Lodge No. 59	36 35
Wardsville Lodge No. 60	35 08
Corinthian Lodge No. 61	37 58
Huron Lodge No. 62	35 41
	$281 33

RECAPITULATION.

Initiated		758	
Admitted by Card		91	
Reinstated		13	—862
Withdrawn by Card		109	
Ceased to be members, N. P. D.		103	
Expelled		3	
Deaths		17	—232
Net increase			630
Membership as per last report			1762
Present actual membership			2392
Members in arrears, suspended and not suspended			379
Contributing, or members in good standing			2013
Of which number there are Past Grands			200
Number of Degrees conferred	2139		
" Brothers relieved	187		
" Widowed families relieved	35		
Amount paid for relief of Brothers		$ 2040	54
" " Widowed families		659	80
" " Educating orphans		155	70
" " Burying the dead		434	22
Total relief		$ 3290	26
Percentage received		$ 1666	90
Annual receipts of Lodges		18,611	56
General Fund "		21,635	23
Widows and Orphans' Fund		15,383	93

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. B. KING,
Grand Sec'y and Treas.

Elijah White, D. D. G. M., of Ogdensburg Lodge, No. 98, of Ogdensburg, presented his Travelling Card, which was referred to P. G. Masters H. C. Bingham and S. G. Dolson, who waited upon and introduced the Brother, who was welcomed by the M. W. Grand Master.

The Grand Representatives then submitted their Annual Report, which was referred to the Committee on Distribution.

REPORT OF THE GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

Officers, Representatives, and Brothers,—The undersigned, your representatives, had the honor and pleasure of attending the Forty-fifth Annual Session of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, held in the city of San Francisco, California, on Monday, Sept. 20th, 1869.

A large majority of the Representatives and Grand Officers met in the city of Chicago on the 6th of September, and were most kindly and fraternally entertained during their stay.

On the morning of the 8th September the Officers and Representatives left Chicago for Omaha, Nebraska, where the overland journey was really to commence, and arrived there in due course, without any unusual detention.

At 10 o'clock a. m. of the 10th September the Grand Officers, Grand Representatives and Past Grand Sires and P. G. Representatives were placed on board a special train of Pullman Palace Sleeping Coaches, under the escort of a Special Committee of four Brothers delegated from the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of California, viz.. G. Rep. A. J. Gunnison, G. Rep. C. W. Dannals, P. G. Rep. D. B. Woolf, and P. G., Rep. Lewis Soher.

The party, including twenty-two ladies, (wives and daughters of some of the more favored members of the Order) being all ready, the words "go on" were given, and the iron horse, with his precious living freight of one hundred and twenty-one Odd Fellows and Odd Fellowesses, started on the ever memorable trip across the continent.

It would not be in place here to give a detailed account of the journey, or the incidents occurring from day to day. A few noted incidents immediately connected with our noble Order may not be inappropriate here. At Sturgis, Michigan, we met with the Lodge there. A splendid Grand Rep. Regalia was presented to Grand Rep. R. H. Morrison, by the brethren of the Lodges of St. Joseph County. The presentation was made by Bro. Gen. W. L. Stoughton.

At Chicago the brethren took the assembled members of the Grand Lodge out in carriages, and shewed them all the points of interest in and around the city.

At Omaha a grand banquet and concert was given under the auspices of the Lodges of that young and vigorous city, the Governor of the State, Grand Master Sanders, making the welcoming address. Also an able speech from Bro. Ira Millard, the Mayor of the city.

At Laramie we found a strong and vigorous Lodge of our Order; at Winnemucca we were met and welcomed to the State of Nevada by G. M. Hayden, and a Committee from the Grand Lodge of that jurisdiction; at Truckee another Committee of the California Brothers met us and welcomed us to the borders of the Golden State; and at Colfax,

on the other side of the great Sierra Nevadas, the Sisters of Rebecca sent on board our train an abundant supply of the delicious fruits of that celebrated country.

On Sunday, the 12th, at three o'clock p. m., our train halted in "Echo Canon," the most celebrated and grandly sublime spot on the whole route, and all having got out of the cars and assembled around the Grand Chaplain, the Rev. W. Venable, of Kentucky, the solemn and impressive service of the Episcopal Church was read by our good Brother, and listened to by a devout and attentive body of men and women. It was a sublime and solemn sight to behold such a body of men and women rendering the free offering of grateful hearts to the great and good Grand Master of the Universe. To commemorate the event, the Grand Sire named the spot, where the services were held, "Odd Fellows' Temple."

On Wednesday, September 15th, a grand procession of the Order, in Regalia, was formed and marched through some of the principal streets of Sacramento, to the site of the new Odd Fellows' Temple, where the Grand Officers formally laid the foundation stone. In the evening a grand banquet was given to the Grand Lodge of the United States.

At 5 a. m. on Thursday, the 16th, we were again on board the cars; this time the cars of the Western Pacific R. R., and in due course were all safely landed at Alameda, on the Bay of San Francisco, where all were most hospitably and bounteously entertained by P. G. Rep., Nathan Porter, at his beautiful residence. After being refreshed both outwardly and inwardly, we were soon on board the ferry boat, and safely landed at the city of San Francisco, the end of our long journey. The sight that met us there, and the truly fraternal welcome we received, was ample compensation for all the perils and hardships of the long journey. A procession was formed of thousands of Odd Fellows, all in regalia, the Grand Lodge and Encampment of California, also the Grand Lodge of the United States being in the line. The streets through which we marched were alive with the citizens, and the buildings were decked with flags, banners and arches. It was a gala day in the city of San Francisco, and we hope a memorable day in the annals of our Order. The procession halted at and filed into the California Theatre, where the Grand Lodge of the United States was formally welcomed by Grand Master Harmon, which was replied to by the Grand Sire in an appropriate manner.

On Friday, the 17th September, the Grand Lodge were on board the steamer "Senator," of the North Pacific Transportation Company, by special invitation, and steamed around the magnificent Bay of San Francisco to the different points of interest, and out through the Golden Gate to the great Pacific Ocean. The pleasure of that excursion will never be forgotten by those who were privileged to participate in it.

At 8 a. m. on the morning of Monday, the 20th September, the M. W. Grand Sire and Grand Officers, P. Grand Sires and Representatives, assembled in Covenant Hall, Odd Fellows' building, Montgomery street, San Francisco, where having been formed by the R. W. Grand Marshal, moved to Pacific Hall, the place provided for the holding of the Annual Session of the G. L. U. S.

Upon arriving at the Hall, the M. W. Grand Master of California, Bro. John B. Harmon, gave an eloquent and touching address of welcome to the G. L. U. S.

The M. W. Grand Sire, E. D. Farnsworth, responded in suitable terms on behalf of the R. W. Grand Lodge.

Upon the conclusion of this interesting ceremony of reception, an interchange of fraternal greetings between the brethren of the Grand Lodge of California and the members of the Grand Lodge of the United States, took place, after which, by invitation of the Grand Master of California, the M. W. Grand Sire took the chair, and the Grand Lodge of California retired.

Upon the call of the roll, there were found to be present:

E. D. FARNSWORTH.....M. W. GRAND SIRE.
FRED. D. STUART.....R. W. DEPUTY GRAND SIRE.
JAMES L. RIDGELY .....R. W. GRAND COR. & REC. SEC.
JOSHUA VANSANT .....R. W. GRAND TREASURER.
REV. J. W. VENABLE .....R. W. GRAND CHAPLAIN.
J. W. SMITH .....R. W. GRAND GUARDIAN.
JOHN E. CHAMBERLAIN .....R. W. GRAND MESSENGER.

And the following named Past Grand Sires, viz.:

THOMAS SHERLOCK, OF OHIO.
WILLIAM ELLISON, OF MASSACHUSETTS.
GEORGE W. RACE, OF LOUISIANA.
SAMUEL CRAIGHEAD, OF OHIO.
JAMES B. NICHOLSON, OF PENNSYLVANIA.
ISAAC M. VEITCH, OF MISSOURI, and
JAMES P. SANDERS, OF NEW YORK, and

Representatives from twenty-nine Grand Lodges and sixteen Grand Encampments.

A quorum being present, the M. W. Grand Sire called upon the Grand Chaplain to address the Throne of Grace; after which the Committee on Credentials reported Representatives from eleven other Grand Lodges and fifteen Grand Encampments, the whole number of jurisdictions represented being forty Grand Lodges and thirty-one Grand Encampments, comprising one hundred and fifteen members, in addition to the Representatives from Australia and the Sandwich Islands.

After the transaction of the business incident to the organization, the Reports of the Grand Officers were presented; for which see Journals of Proceedings G. L. U. S.

DECISIONS OF THE GRAND SIRE.

First.—A Brother of the Scarlet Degree in good standing, desiring a Certificate of his grade to enable him to join an Encampment, is entitled to receive the same from the Secretary of the Lodge in due form upon application, and no vote of the Lodge is necessary for such certificate.

Second.—The Grand Sire has no power to authorize Royal Purple Degree members to wear Aprons at the celebration on the 26th of April, 1869, or on any other occasion.

Third.—The Grand Sire has no power to authorize subordinates under the jurisdiction of the State Grand Bodies to apply to sister Lodges outside the jurisdiction for pecuniary aid for building Odd Fellows' Halls.

Fourth.—The costumes worn in the G. R. D. cannot be used on public occasions.

Fifth.—A Brother of the Patriarchal Degree is entitled to receive the Semi-Annual Password.

Sixth.—Voting in a Lodge is by the usual sign of an Odd Fellow, except on ballot for membership, and is prescribed by the work.

Seventh.—A Patriarch under suspension in his Encampment is not eligible to office in a Grand Encampment, and should such a Patriarch be elected it is not competent to install him.

Eighth.—It is unlawful for the Charge Books, or others containing or relating to the Secret Work of the Order, to be taken from the Lodge Room.

Ninth.—The N. G. of a Lodge being the proper custodian of such books, may entrust them to his subordinate officers for the purpose of qualification while in the Lodge Room.

Tenth.—The laws of the Order prohibit the writing of the Initiatory Charges, as well as all other parts of the Secret Work.

Eleventh.—The O. B. N. of N. G., page 30 of the Charge Book, fully answers.

Twelfth.—A Lodge or Encampment has the right to visit other Lodges or Encampments when accompanied by its presiding officers, outside its own jurisdiction without cards or A. T. P. W.

Thirteenth.—Not adopted.

Fourteenth.—Grand Officers should address the Chairs as other members; Grand Honors should be given them immediately after their recognition by the Officers of the Lodge.

Fifteenth.—I do not understand that gloves are dispensed with for members of R. P. Degree.

Sixteenth.—A Lodge is bound to recognize and give a member a P. G. Regalia who is admitted by card certifying that he is a P. G., if he has not P. O. Degrees.

Seventeenth.—Suspension for cause cannot be indefinite nor for any unreasonable length of time.

Eighteenth.—Not adopted.

Nineteenth.—A member visiting a Subordinate Lodge by card shall be examined in the A. T. P. W. and also in the degree in which the Lodge is open.

Twentieth.—An Encampment cannot expel from the Order only from its own body; hence trials should, if possible, be had in the Lodges, as loss of membership in a Lodge severs connection with an Encampment.

Twenty-first.—A Grand Lodge of a State may confer the power on the Grand Master during the recess to grant a petition from a Subordinate Lodge to restore an expelled member to said Lodge.

Twenty-Second.—A Grand Lodge of a State pursuant to law may authorize public installations by Subordinate Lodges, Journal 2971, 2972.

The returns shew that there were on June 30th, 1869, 3,446 Lodges, besides Nevada, and 769 Encampments, besides Vermont and California.

Total amount paid for relief (except the last three named jurisdictions,	$ 816,952 85
Amount of the Annual Receipts	2,569,317 53

Initiations during the year,	40,737
Rejections	4,695
Admitted by Card	6,985
Reinstated,	3,612
Withdrawn by Card	8,725
Suspended	14,356
Expelled,	1,075
Deaths	2,191
Membership	266,975
Brothers relieved	22,894
Widowed Families relieved	22,894

LEGISLATION OF THE GRAND LODGE.

was of a negative character. Few of the propositions presented received affirmative action. Most of the important matters were postponed until the next session, others were to be reported on, and many others failed to receive the sanction of the Grand Lodge.

DEGREE OF REBEKAH.

Many propositions were introduced bearing on this Degree, and we are pleased to notice that all tended towards perfecting and making this beautiful adjunct of our Order more attractive and useful. The following was adopted, viz. :—

Resolved,—That each jurisdiction be, and is hereby anthorised to prepare a suitable form of charter for Rebekah Degree Lodges.

Your Special Committee to whom was referred the matter of a form for instituting Rebekah Degree Lodges, and the Installation of the Officers of the same respectfully ask leave to present their report at a Secret Session of this Grand Body. The forms presented by the Committee in Secret Session were adopted.

We would commend the subject of this Degree to the especial consideration of this Grand Lodge, believing that a careful attention to the same, and wise legislation thereon, would make the Degree in our jurisdiction a valuable auxiliary in the cause of Friendship, Love and Truth.

AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS.

Article Twenty-second of the By-laws was amended by adding at the close of the first section, after the words "Initiatory Degree," "Among those who may have attained the Royal Purple Degree, Rosettes composed of black, yellow and purple, may be worn on the collars, either in connection with the other colors, or as a separate Rosette."

NEW RULE OF ORDER.

The following new Rule of Order was adopted :—When the Grand Lodge has by a vote determined to adjourn for the day, the Grand Sire before declaring the body adjourned, shall call upon the Chairman of the several Standing Committees to give any notice they may have with regard to the time and place of meeting of the several Committees.

INTRODUCTION OF CANDIDATES.

Resolved,—That the subject of the introduction of more than one candidate at the same time, in any of the Patriarchal Degrees, be referred to the Grand Representatives, with instructions to submit the same to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States for decision thereon :—

Respectfully report, that it appears to be the practice in most of jurisdictions, to introduce more than one candidate at a time in the Patriarchal and Golden Rule Degrees, but in no instance except in opening new Encampments can there be more than one person introduced at one time into the Royal Purple Degree.

INTRODUCING THE ORDER IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

Arrangements were made by virtue of legislation of the Grand Lodge to introduce the Order into Germany, China and Japan.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

To strike out the words " Grand Lodge of the United States " and insert instead the words " Supreme Grand Lodge," two amendments were postponed (we regret to say) until the next Annual Session.

The following amendment was adopted :—Amend Article XVI., Section 4, by striking out the words " upon such terms as it may prescribe," and insert the words " upon such conditions as this Grand Lodge may prescribe." This refers to the admission of suspended members of other jurisdictions, and members of defunct Lodges, not able to get a card.

SUPPLIES.

The only change made in the price of supplies was the reduction in the price of Odes for Lodges and Encampments to five cents, and fixing the price of Encampment Charge Books at the same rate as charged for Lodge Charge Books.

CONCLUSION.

If an apology is required for the length of this report, your Representatives have only to say that the year 1869 will in the distant future, as well as the immediate present, be recognized as one of the most, if not the most important year in the history of the Order; and the events that transpired, and are matters of record by the Grand Lodge of the United States, demand more than a passing notice. The meeting of that body on the far away shores of the mighty Pacific Ocean, was an event of no ordinary magnitude, and being the first and only national body of men assembled in the beautiful city of San Francisco, its advent was hailed with delight by citizens of all classes. The attentions bestowed on every hand manifested that much importance was attached to the great convocation of men and brethren, representing not only every State and Territory of the American Union as well as the Dominion of Canada, but also the Continent of Australia and the Islands of the Pacific—those who were fortunately permitted to participate in the journey " across the Continent " experienced the most pleasing sense of pleasure in the grand excursion, and are satisfied that meeting projected and successfully carried out by the brethren of California, will be productive of good to all, and to our Order everywhere.

Ten years ago a meeting of the Grand Lodge of the United States in San Francisco in 1869, was not thought of, who shall say that in 1879 it will not hold its Annual Session in London or Berlin?—we live in an age of progress Odd Fellowship is a progressive institution, and with enlightened and judicious men at its head, its extension to every part of the civilized globe is not only possible but probable.

Let us then go on in the good work, and in our Subordinate Lodges, and in every situation in which we may be placed, do our whole duty as members of this noble fraternity, and aid in extending the sentiment of brotherhood until the blessings of our Order are known and appreciated wherever the cry of anguish is heard, or the tear of sorrow falls.

We cannot close this report without testifying our gratitude for the many acts of kindness received from the Brotherhood on our journey; more especially in Chicago, Omaha, Colfax, Sacramento and San Francisco. To the Committee, who in the long journey from the Missouri River to the Bay of San Francisco, were thoughtful only of the comfort and pleasure of their guests, too much praise cannot be awarded—we cannot enumerate all to whom we are indebted for tokens of kindness manifested in various ways. To one and all we are grateful and fraternally thankful.

To our Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, through whose partiality we were permitted to make that wonderful journey "across the Continent," and participate in the deliberations of the only body of men on this Continent that can boast of a representation from every State and Territory in the United States and Canada—we return our heartfelt and brotherly acknowledgments for the distinguished honor.

Fraternally submitted

HENRY M'AFEE, } GRAND
JAMES WOODYATT, } REPRESENTATIVES.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned for one hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

BROCKVILLE, AUG. 3rd, 1870, 2.30 P. M.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Grand Lodge, re-assembled. Roll called. All the officers (excepting the Grand Chaplain) present. Also, all the Representatives.

On motion of Rep. Woodyatt, the Minutes of last year were adopted as printed.

Minutes of Morning Session read and confirmed.

Grand Rep. Jas. Woodyatt, from the Committee on Distribution, submitted the following report, which was adopted:—

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Distribution beg to report as follows, viz.;—That clauses Nos. one to nine, inclusive of the Grand Master's Report be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order, together with all that part of the Grand Master's Report, from Clause 9 to the organization of Prince Arthur Lodge No. 59.

That that part of the Grand Master's Report referring to the labours of the Grand Secretary be referred to the Finance Committee.

That that part of the Grand Master's Report referring to the applications of Bros. C. S. Male and Richard Warriner be referred to the Committee on Petitions.

That Clause Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5. 6, 7, 8, 9, 13, 15, 16, 19, of the Grand Secretary and Treasurer's Report, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

That Clause No. 4 be referred to the Committee on Legislation.

That Clauses Nos. 10, 11 and 18, be referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

That Clause 12 be referred to the Committee on Returns.

That Clause No. 14 be referred to the Committee on Appeals.

That Clause No 17 be referred to the Committee on the Laws of Subordinates.

And that the Report of the R. W. Grand Representatives be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

And your Committee submit the following resolution, viz.:—That the foregoing Report be adopted.

JAMES WOODYATT, WM. N. FORD,
EDMUND BELTZ, W. M. SEATON,
W. N. SMITH.

The Roll was then called for the presentation of business, when the following questions were asked and referred to the Committee on State of the Order:

By Rep. H. E. Buttery, of Forest City Lodge:—When the Minutes of a Lodge are truly recorded, is it lawful for the N. G. to decide those Minutes incorrect, because he deems the action of the Lodge illegal?

By Rep. T. T. Irving, of Avon Lodge:—Is a Brother who has not been quite six months a member of a Lodge, entitled to sick benefits for sickness commencing during the six months?

By Rep. W. Mowatt, Avon Lodge;—What is the meaning of Clause 5, Section 2, Article 5, in regard to annuities?

By Rep. W. Mowatt, of Avon Lodge:—Is the granting of any amount to Trustees of a Widow of a deceased Brother, who died in arrears, for his dues—a grant for Lodge purposes; and does it require a two-thirds vote and three weeks, notice to carry such grant?

By Rep. W. F. Roome, of Mt. Zion Lodge No. 46;—Would business of any kind transacted in the absence of the Noble Grand and Vice-Grand (the Past Grand filling the chair), be legal?

By Rep. R. Mathison, of Gore Lodge No. 34:—Is it necessary when electing Representatives for the Grand Lodge, to nominate Candidates?

By Rep. R. Taylor, of Canada Lodge, No. 49:—If a Lodge chooses to elect a Physician, and the Candidate be a member of the Lodge, is it necessary he should be a Scarlet Member?

By Rep. W. R. Roberts, of the same Lodge:—Is a Lodge responsible for the debts contracted by its Committee, appointed by it, on Pic-Nic or Excursions, &c.?

By Rep. W. D. Kennedy, of Unity Lodge No. 47:—The Secretary of Fidelity Lodge, Seaforth, commissioned a member, W. D. Kennedy, to procure certain regalia, &c., for the proper working of the Lodge. Mr. Kennedy went to Bro. J. C. White gave him the order for the same; the goods were submitted to W. D. Kennedy as their agent, and accepted. The bill was presented through W. D. Kennedy, and Fidelity Lodge now refuse to pay more than fifty per cent. of the amount charged; although it can be proved that disbursements were made to over 75 per cent. of the amount charged. Query—Will the Grand Lodge be willing to entertain the matter by examining into it, and ordering such payment as may be deemed right—or will they by refusing to act, risk the exposure by the parties proceeding by the ordinary course of law.? Bros. W. D. Kennedy, John Richmond and Griffith would be glad to give evidence if required.

By Rep. John Murray, of Niagara Falls Lodge No 53:—The Charter Members of Niagara Falls Lodge No. 53, were old contributing members of Union Lodge No. 16, and Frontier Lodge No. 45; they took withdrawal Cards for the purpose of instituting the Lodge at Niagara Falls. What fee, if any, should they pay to the new Lodge?

By Rep. John Murray, of same Lodge :—Is it compulsory upon all Brothers present at the Subordinate Lodges, to vote when balloting for membership?

The following were referred to the Committee on Legislation :

By Rep. J. N. Mathews, of Otter Lodge No. 50 :—Can a Lodge do away with the office of Permanent Secretary, by repealing the By-law regarding such office?

By Rep. John Richmond, of Excelsior Lodge :—Can the Grand Lodge, at any time during its session, do business in a Degree which will allow Scarlet members to visit?

On motion of Rep. H. C. Bingham, the Grand Lodge adjourned to meet again at 7 o'clock P. M., in order to give the several Committees an opportunity of getting up their reports.

EVENING SESSION.

BROCKVILLE, AUGUST 3RD, 1870.

Pursuant to adjournment the Grand Lodge assembled at 7 o'clock p. m.

Roll called. All the Officers (excepting Grand Chaplain) present, and a quorum of Representatives.

Rep. John Smith from the Committee on Petitions presented the following Report, which was adopted :—

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

Your Committee on Petitions beg to report that we have examined the documents assigned to us, and find the same correct, and recommend that the Dispensations authorizing the organization of the following Lodges be confirmed, and the several charters be issued to the respective Lodges ;—

Collingwood	No. 54, at Collingwood.
Fidelity	No. 55, at Seaforth.
Queen City of Ontario	No. 56, at Toronto.
Maple Leaf	No. 57, at Orangeville.
Howard	No. 58, at Strathroy.
Prince Arthur	No. 59, at Kingston.
Wardsville	No. 60, at Wardsville.
Corinthian	No. 61, at Oshawa.
Huron	No. 62, at Goderich.
Barrie	No. 63, at Barrie.

Your Committee also recommend that the action of the M. W. Grand Master, in granting the Withdrawal Cards to Brothers Warriner and Male, late of Industry Lodge, be approved ; also that the granting of the Charter to Victoria Lodge, No. 1, London, Daughters of Rebecca, be affirmed.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN SMITH, WILLIAM R. ROBERTS,
THOMAS T. IRVING, T. SIMONS,
WM. IRVING.

H. C. Bingham, P. G. M., from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following Report, which was on motion, taken up *seriatim*, and adopted :—

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

The Committee on Finance submit the following Report and Resolutions :—

Having examined the Books and Vouchers of the R. W. Grand Secretary and Treasurer, we have pleasure in assuring the Grand Lodge that we find them cor-

rect in every respect, and in accordance with his Report to which you have listened.

In reference to the purchase of Charters from Messrs. Chewett & Co., of Toronto, we advise the purchase of say, twenty-five.

We shall consider the recommendation of the Most Worthy Grand Master, and fully concur in his views in regard to an increase of the Grand Secretary's salary.

We find also that the Grand Secretary has fully carried out the instructions of the Grand Lodge at its last session in every particular in a prompt and satisfactory manner.

In conclusion, we submit the following:—

Resolved,—That the opinion of this Committee in regard to the Books and Vouchers of the Grand Secretary and Treasurer be adopted as the opinion of this Grand Lodge.

Resolved,—That the Grand Secretary be authorized to purchase from Chewett & Co., at least twenty-five Charters, for sale.

Resolved,—That the salary of the Grand Secretary for the coming year be $200.

Resolved,—That the promptness and accuracy of the R. W. Grand Secretary and Treasurer in the performance of his regular duties, and in carrying out the special instructions of this Grand Lodge, meet our hearty commendation.

Respectfully submitted.

H. C. BINGHAM, JOHN HUNTER,
H. E. BUTTERY, JOHN ATKINS,
G. W. PONTINE, G. WALES.

Rep. Harper Wilson, from the Committee on Correspondence, submitted the following report, which was, on motion, taken up *seriatim*.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:

We, your Committee on Correspondence, beg to report that we have examined the documents laid before us, and would submit the following resolutions for the consideration of the R. W. G. Lodge:

1. *Resolved*,—That the R. W. G. Secretary be instructed to furnish the R. W. Grand Secretary of G. L. of Vermont with what Blank Charters he may require, on paying for the same, providing that he has a sufficient number on hand.

2. *Resolved*,—That this Committee are pleased to note the organization of ten (10) new Lodges in this jurisdiction, as also their subsequent successful working, and that we approve of the careful and judicious manner in which the several Lodges were instituted by the M. W. G. Master in person.

3. *Resolved*,—Clause 10 R. W. G. Secretary's report, we find that the Correspondence has been ably and efficiently attended to by our R. W. G. Secretary, for which he is entitled to the thanks of this R. W. G. L.

4. *Resolved*,—That the R. W. G. Secretary be authorized to acknowledge the receipt of the several reports of the R. W. G. Lodges, thanking them for the same, as per clause 18, G. Secretary's report.

5. *Resolved*,—We are pleased to report that the R. W. G. Secretary has succeeded in obtaining reduced fares for the G. Reps. to this R. W. G. L. from the several R. R. Companies, and that the thanks of this R. W. G. L. be conveyed to the several Managers, thanking them for their liberality for the same.

6. *Resolved*,—We cannot confidently recommend the thanks of this R. W. G. L. to the Canadian Navigation Company, owing to their want of courtesy to the G. Representatives to this R. W. G. L. during their passage from Toronto to Brockville.

Your Committee have carefully examined the correspondence laid before them, and beg to report their pleasure at the fraternal tone in which the correspondence of the past year was conducted, as well as the evident prosperity of the Order shown thereby.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

HARPER WILSON, H. NICHOLSON,
ROBERT TAYLOR, ISAAC HOGG,
WM. FERGUSON.

Clauses 1, 2 and 3, adopted.

On motion to adopt clause 4, it was moved to amend by striking out the word "Lodges," and insert in lieu thereof the word "Bodies." Adopted.

Clause 5 adopted.

On motion to adopt clause 6, it was moved in amendment by Rep. Robt. Mathison to strike out the clause and insert the following:

That the thanks of this R. W. Grand Lodge be also conveyed to the Canadian Navigation Company for the liberal arrangements made for the conveyance of members to the meeting of this Grand Lodge.

It was moved in amendment to the amendment, by Rep. H. C. Bingham, to refer the report back to the Committee, with instructions to strike out clause 6, and substitute the amendment made by Rep. Mathison.

The amendment to the amendment prevailed.

Rep. John Taylor, jr., from the Committee on Legislation, submitted the following report and resolution:

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:

We, your Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred Clause No. 4 in the R. W. Grand Secretary and Treasurer's report, beg to report as follows:

Your Committee are of opinion that the Grand Secretary and Treasurer, in clause No. 4 of his report, acted quite in conformity with the resolution on page 377 Journal '69.

With regard to question asked by Otter Lodge No. 50,—Can a Lodge do away with the office of Permanent Secretary by repealing the By-law regarding such office?—your Committee are of opinion that such office cannot be dispensed with, but one brother may fill both chairs, if eligible, and elected for that purpose.

With respect to question asked by Excelsior Lodge No. 44,—Can the Grand Lodge at any time during its session do business in a Degree which will allow Scarlet members to visit?—your Committee are of opinion that it cannot. (See Digest, page 75, Journal 1062 and 1089, also resolution passed by this Grand Lodge at session of 1867, when it was resolved that in future all the work appertaining to this Grand Lodge be transacted in the Grand Lodge Degree, page 289.

With regard to letter from D. D. G. M. Bird. of St. Catharines, to the R. W. G. Secretary, asking if a N. G., who having served only three months and resigns his position, can he resign with the honors of the office? Your Committee think that when a N. G. serves in office only a certain portion of his term, and resigns, he loses all honors connected with such office, or in other words he must serve the time specified by the Constitution.

Resolved,—That the above Report be adopted.

JOHN TAYLOR, JR., W. F. ROOME,
RICHARD WIGMORE, CHAS. F. HANSON,
JOHN GIBSON.

It was moved in amendment to take the report up *seriatim*.

The amendment prevailed.

Clauses 1, 2, 3 and 4 were adopted, and the Report as a whole adopted.

Rep. Harper Wilson, from the Committee on Correspondence, submitted their Report, with clause 6 amended as directed, and the Report as so amended was adopted.

The Report of the Committee on Revision was then taken up and considered.

Paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, were adopted.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock a. m.

MORNING SESSION.

BROCKVILLE, AUG. 4th, 1870.

The Grand Lodge met at 9 a. m., and was opened in due form. The minutes of last evening read and confirmed. The Roll being called, the following Grand Officers and Representatives were present:

THOS. PARTRIDGE,		*M. W. Grand Master.*
T. HEALY,		*R. W. Deputy Grand Master.*
JOHN WRIGHT,	"	*Grand Warden.*
J. B. KING,	"	*Grand Sec. and Treas.*
JAMES WOODYATT,	"	*Grand Rep. to G. L. U. S.*
HENRY McAFEE,	"	Do Do
G. H. MARLATT,	"	*Grand Marshal.*
M. BLUME,	"	*Grand Conductor.*
JNO. B. McINTYRE,	"	*Grand Guardian.*

And a quorum of Representatives.

H. C. Bingham, P. G. M., from the Committee on the State of the Order, submitted the following report, which was, on motion of the Chairman, considered as read, clause by clause, and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on the State of the Order report unanimously as follows:

Resolved,—That that part of the Grand Master's report in reference to neglect of duty on the part of D. D. Grand Masters, should be referred to the Committee on Legislation, as the suggestion of the Grand Master implies need of new legislation.

Resolved,—That the nine decisions of the M. W. Grand Master be in each case approved.

Resolved,—That the report of your Reps. to the Grand Lodge of the United States be referred to the Committee on Printing, there being nothing therein requiring action on the part of this Committee.

Resolved,—That question (1) by Rep. Buttery, be answered—No.

Resolved,—That question (2) from Avon Lodge, be answered—No, except by special vote, as required in cases of special relief.

Resolved,—That question (3) from Avon Lodge, be answered as follows: One-fifth of the annual dues paid by a brother, multiplied by twenty, shall be the largest amount payable annually to a widow, and that amount multiplied by four shall be the maximum amount payable to a widow in any other form.

Resolved,—That question (4) by Rep. Mowatt, be answered as follows: It is not "for Lodge purposes" in the ordinary and true meaning of that term, and at least the same majority should be required in such a case as is required in granting special relief to Brothers in good standing, and the notice required before taking such vote must be in accordance with the By-laws of the Lodge.

Resolved.—That question (5) by Rep. Roome, be answered—Yes.

Resolved,—That question (6) by Rep. Mathison, be answered—Yes.

Resolved,—That question (7) by Rep. Taylor, of Canada Lodge, be answered—Yes.

Resolved,—That question (8) by Rep. Roberts, be answered—Yes, in the absence of definite instructions

Resolved,—That question (9) by Rep. Kennedy, be answered as follows: This Grand Lodge does not deem it advisable to enter into the settlement of differences in business affairs between members of the Order, or between Subordinate Lodges and other parties, but would advise that the parties interested in this case submit the matter in dispute to the arbitration of members of the Order qualified to judge of the merits of the case.

Resolved,—That question (10) by Rep. Murray, be answered as follows: *The regular fee* for deposit of Card, in accordance with the By-laws of the new Lodge.

Resolved,—That question (11) by Rep. Murray, be answered—No, unless the By-laws of the Lodge require it.

From an examination of the Grand Master's report, and from all other sources of information, we believe our Order in Ontario to be in a very prosperous condition, growing rapidly; and believing this success to be the result of the combined efforts in a good cause of Brothers for years past, both in and out of office, we refer to it now for the purpose of stimulating our brethren everywhere to renewed exertions, assuring them that their efforts in the future, as in the past, will certainly be crowned with success.

Respectfully submitted.

H. C. BINGHAM, HENRY McAFEE,
WM. BISSELL, W. MOWATT,
JOHN MURRAY.

Rep. J. J. Ramsay, from the Committee on Returns, then submitted the following Report and Resolution, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Returns beg leave to report that they have examined the Semi-Annual Returns of the Subordinate Lodges in this jurisdiction, and would respectfully submit the following:—

Brock Lodge, No. 9.—Returns we find correct.

Union Lodge, No. 16.—We find also correct.

Chatham Lodge, No. 29.—Semi-Annual Report for term ending June 30 1870, shows an error of seventy-two cents, as against the Lodge, in the percentage due the Grand Lodge.

Eureka Lodge, No. 30.—Correct.

Erie Lodge, No. 33.—Report for term ending Dec. 31, 1869, correct. Report ending June 30th, 1870. gives total membership per last report, fifty-seven (57), should be sixty-two (62); present membership, forty-five (45), should be fifty-four; members in good standing thirty-five (35), should be forty-four (44); it also reports suspension of members on July 1st, when the Report should have been closed in June.

Gore Lodge, No. 34.—Is found correct.

Samaritan Lodge, No. 35.—Also correct.

St. Mary's Lodge, No. 36.—In Report of term ending 31st December, 1869, gives members in good standing thirty-one (31), should be seventy-three (73). In the Report of term ending June 30th, 1870, gives total increase four (4) should be (6); total decrease none, should be two (2): members in good standing eighty-three (83), should be eighty-two (82).

Forest City Lodge, No. 38.—In Report ending Dec. 31st, 1869, we find members in good standing one hundred and fifty-six (156), should be one hundred and sixty-nine, having omitted to include their Past Grands, as members in good standing. Report ending June 30th, 1870, correct.

Avon Lodge, No. 41.—Report ending December 31st, 1869, correct. In the Report ending June 30, 1870, we find a special relief case, in which the sum of one hundred ($100), was donated to a widow; and which should have been included in amount paid to support of widows.

Excelsior Lodge, No. 44.—We find correct, excepting the Report ending June 30th, 1870, not being signed by the Vice-Grand.

Frontier Lodge, No. 45.—In Report ending Dec. 31st, 69, a mistake occurs in giving the total membership, per last report as 123, which should have been 121, consequently the present membership should be 128, instead of 130; and the members in good standing should be 99, instead of 101. The Report ending June 30th, 1870, is found correct.

Mount Zion Lodge, No. 46.—In their Report ending Dec. 31st, 1869, we find an error, in inserting in their summary two members, as suspended, when there were none suspended; and in making the total membership in arrears twenty-three (23), which should be twenty-one (21); and, in the Report ending June 30th 1870, the total membership per last Report, is given as 41, which should be 43.

Unity Lodge, No. 47.—The Report for term ending 31st Dec., 1869, correct. In Report for term ending June 30th, 1870, there are three reported as suspended

for N P. D., while the names of only two are given, said names appearing in the wrong column of Report, being that of *suspended and cause*, instead of *ceased to be members*. The present membership is reported as 121, which should be 122. Members in good standing are reported 96, and should be 97.

Dominion Lodge, No. 48.—We find correct.

Canada Lodge, No. 49.—In the Report for term ending 31st Dec., 1869, two members withdrawn, are not inserted in the summary; the total decrease should be three instead of one; net increase should be 51, instead of 54; present membership should be 119, instead of 106; members in good standing should be 105 instead of 106. In Report ending June 30th, 1870, total membership, per last Report, should be 119 instead of 123; present membership should be 130, instead of 134; members in good standing should be 116 instead of 120.

Otter Lodge, No. 50.—Correct

Bissell Lodge, No. 51.—In Report for term ending Dec. 31st, 1869, total membership in good standing is reported 49, which should be 34. In the Report for term ending June 30th, 1870, five who ceased to be members are not reported in the summary; total increase is given 5, which should be 10; nett increase is given 9, should be 4; present membership given 60, should be 55; members in good standing are reported as 44, which should be 39.

Covenant Lodge, No. 52.—Correct.

Niagara Falls Lodge, No. 53.—Correct.

Collingwood Lodge No 54.—Correct.

Fidelity Lodge, No. 55.—In the Report, an error occurs in the receipts; the item "dues less one third, $34.76," should be "dues less one fifth $41.72;" per centage due the Grand Lodge, should be $30.87, instead of $30.18.

Queen City of Ontario, No. 56.—Correct, except reporting one Past Grand, to which it is not entitled.

Maple Leaf, No. 57.—Correct, excepting the same error that occurred in Queen City Lodge.

Howard Lodge, No. 58.—The Report is dated July 6th, which should have been dated in June; number admitted by Card was seven instead of one; the report does not include its charter members; total increase is given as 20, which should be 26; nett increase is given as 18, which should be 24; it also claims a Past Grand to which it is not entitled.

Prince Arthur Lodge, No. 59.—Correct.

Wardsville Lodge, No. 60.—Omits to return its charter members; total increase and nett increase should be 11 instead of 6; the returning of "five members as per last report" should be omitted.

Corinthian Lodge, No. 61.—In its report omitted to state the names of its Charter members as admitted by Card, and also omitted them in the summary; total increase 35, which should be 41.

Huron Lodge, No. 62.—Correct, excepting no seal, and no mention of the fact.

Victoria Lodge No. 1, Daughters of Rebekah, we find to be correct.

In regard to clause 12 of the R. W. Grand Secretary's Report. which was referred to your Committee, we would respectfully state that proper care has not been taken in preparing the Reports, and can fully endorse the R. W. Grand Secretary's statement to that effect; and we would urge on Subordinate Lodges the importance of paying special attention to this matter in future.

Your Committee would respectfully submit the following resolution:—

Resolved,—That the foregoing Report be adopted.

JOHN J. RAMSAY, C. T. CAMPBELL,
JOHN M'LEAN, SAMUEL ATKINS,
M. E. SNIDER.

H. McAfee, P. G. M., from the Committee on Credentials, submitted the following supplementary report and resolution, which were adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O F.:

The Committee on Credentials have had before them a certificate assigning H. C. Bingham, P. G. M., as Representative from Fidelity Lodge No. 55, beg leave

to report that Bro. Bingham, being the Representative of Huron Lodge No. 62, he cannot represent two Lodges in this Grand body.

Resolved,—That the foregoing report be adopted.

Respectfully submitted.

H. McAFEE,
H. WIGMORE,
J. B. KING.

S. G. Dolson, P. G. M., from the Committee on Appeals, submitted the following report, which was on motion considered as read *seriatim* :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:

M. D. DAWSON *vs.* FOREST CITY LODGE No. 38.

Your Committee on Appeals beg leave to report as follows:

In the matter of M. D. Dawson against the decision of Forest City Lodge, London, in withholding benefits from Bro. Lister, they having paid same to the amount of $518. Your Committee find that on examination of the accounts which the appellant admitted to be correct, said Bro. Lister was reported sick on 31st Dec., 1866, at which time he was in arrears to the amount of $4.70, which sum was paid on the same date. That your Committee consider from evidence produced and the above facts, that said Bro. Lister was not entitled to benefits during that sickness, and therefore sustain the action of the said Forest City Lodge in now refusing any further benefits.

J. M. O'CONNOR *vs.* BISSELL LODGE No. 51.

In the matter of the appeal of Bro J. M, O'Connor, regarding the representation of Bissell Lodge No. 51, your Committee beg leave to submit that the action of said Lodge in the election of Bro. Wm. Barley, be sustained.

PAST GRAND R. WIGMORE *vs.* EUREKA LODGE No. 30.

In the matter of appeal of P. Grand R. Wigmore against the action of Eureka Lodge in granting $10 to a Brother's wife, while he, the said Brother, was bad on the books, your Committee respectfully report that the action of the Lodge be sustained; it being done as an act of charity, professing, as we do, to be actuated by those sublime principles, at the same time we consider that the letter of the law in such cases is not so clear as it should be for the government of Lodges, and trust that this Grand Lodge in its action on revision of Constitution and By-laws will give the matter its careful consideration.

CHAS. LEE *vs.* THE GRAND MASTER AND AVON LODGE.

In the matter of appeal of Bro. Chas Lee against the decision of the Grand Master, T. Partridge, regarding the granting monies in special cases, your Committee beg leave to report, to sustain the decision, likewise the action of the Lodge arriving at this conclusion, on the same basis as we did in the matter of Wigmore vs. Eureka Lodge, as reported in preceding case.

C. B. TAYLOR *vs.* AVON LODGE.

In the matter of C. B. Taylor against Avon Lodge, your Commiteee report as follows:

1. That the course of action taken by the Lodge in suspending said C. B. Taylor for fraud was illegal he not having appeared for trial, and therefore only subject to the charge of contempt.

2. That the charge of fraud has not been sustained, the transaction being in the mind of your Committee purely a business one, and not within the jurisdiction of the Lodge.

PAST GRAND THOS. BROWN *vs.* EUREKA LODGE, *in re* MCINTYRE.

In the matter of the appeal of Bro. Thos. Brown against Eureka Lodge, concerning the payment of benefits to late Bro. Alexander McIntyre, your Committee find that from the evidence before them, said Brother having paid his dues previous to sickness, that after the expiration of six weeks from such payment the

said A. McIntyre was entitled to all benefits from that date. We therefore respectfully report that the appeal aforesaid be sustained.

Respectfully submitted.

SAML. G DOLSON WM. D. KENNEDY,
R. MATHISON, HY. ROBERTSON,
W. S. CAMPBELL.

Clauses 1, 2 and 3 were concurred in.

On the motion to adopt clause 4, being the report on the appeal of Bro. Chas. Lee, Rep. W. Mowatt, of Avon Lodge No. 41, moved the following amendment:

Resolved,—That the action of Avon Lodge No. 41 be reversed.

Rep. W. N. Ford moved in amendment to the amendment, to refer the Report back to the Committee, to amend the Clause.

The amendment of Rep. W. N. Ford prevailed.

On motion to adopt Clause 7, in reference to the appeal of Rep. Thos. Brown, Grand Rep. James Woodyatt, moved in amendment to refer it back to the Committee to amend, which was agreed to.

Several accounts were presented, and referred to the Committeee on Finance. Also the following letter:

[SEAL] OFFICE OF THE GRAND SCRIBE OF THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF ONTARIO, I. O. O. F.
BROCKVILLE, Aug. 2nd, 1870.

J. B. King, R. W. Grand Sec. and Treas. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.—I am instructed by resolution of the Grand Encampment of Ontario, to request the R. W. Grand Lodge to continue to us for another year the loan which they so kindly granted us at last session from their funds.

M. D. DAWSON,
Grand Scribe and Treas.

The following moved by Rep. E. Beltz, of Eureka Lodge No. 30, was adopted.

Resolved,—That this Grand Lodge do accept, as far as practicable, the kind invitation of Brock Lodge to attend their annual Pic-Nic to-morrow.

The hour of twelve o'clock having arrived, the Grand Lodge, on motion, adjourned until half-past one p. m.

BROCKVILLE, August 4th, 1870.

Pursuant to adjournment the Grand Lodge met at 1.30 p. m. Roll called. Present: All the Officers, except the Grand Chaplain, and all the Representatives.

The minutes of the morning session were read and confirmed.

An account from the M. W. Grand Master, for expenses incurred in visiting Lodges, was presented, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The M. W. Grand Master laid before the Grand Lodge the following communication, which was, on motion, referred to the Committee on Correspondence,

[SEAL] OFFICE M. W. GRAND SIRE, R. W. G L. U. S., I. O. O. F.
BALTIMORE, July 5th, 1870.

To Thomas Partridge, M. W. Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Ontario I.O.O.F.:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.—It has been represented to me that in some of the State jurisdictions thoughtless and inconsiderate brethren have used the Subordinate Lodge Rooms for the purpose of conferring DEGREES, SO CALLED, having no connection whatever with the Order, and if not positively indecent and contrary to good morals, certainly of an unbecoming and discreditable character, one of which is known as the degree of "The Oriental Order of Humility."

As such practices are in gross violation of our laws and calculated to bring the Order into disrepute, you are hereby required to suppress them promptly within your jurisdiction, if any such should exist, and to take such measures as may be proper and necessary to give to this circular general publicity.

Yours fraternally,
E. D. FARNSWORTH,
Grand Sire.

Rep. Thos. Brown, from the Committee on Laws of Subordinates, submitted the following report, which was considered *seriatim* :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F. :

We have examined the proposed amendments to the By Laws of Gore Lodge No. 34 and beg to recommend their approval. At the same time we have to report that the said proposed amendments came before us in a defective shape; they not being authenticated by the signature of the Noble Grand, as required by Art 8, Sec. 1, Clause 2, of the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges.

2. As to the proposed amendments to the By-Laws of Excelsior Lodge No. 44, your Committee beg to report that the said proposed amendments are neither submitted in duplicate, nor authenticated by the signature of the N. G., and Seal of the Lodge, as required by Art. 8, Sec. 1, Clause 2, of the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges. We therefore refrain from reporting upon such amendments until further instructed by this Grand Lodge.

3. As to the proposed By-Laws of Corinthian Lodge No. 61, your Committee beg to report that the said By-Laws are submitted in the usual pamphlet form, and we believe them to be the By-Laws adopted by said Lodge; they are, however, not submitted in duplicate, nor are they authenticated by the Seal of the Lodge, or the signature of the N. G. and Secretary, as required by Art. 8, Sec. 1, Clause 2. of the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges.

We have, however, examined the same, and would recommend their approval except as to clauses 6 and 43 thereof.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOMAS BROWN, WM. FITZSIMMONS,
H. GRIFFITH, J. F. McDONALD.

Clause 1 adopted.

On motion to adopt Clause 2, Rep. John Richmond, moved the following amendment which prevailed :—

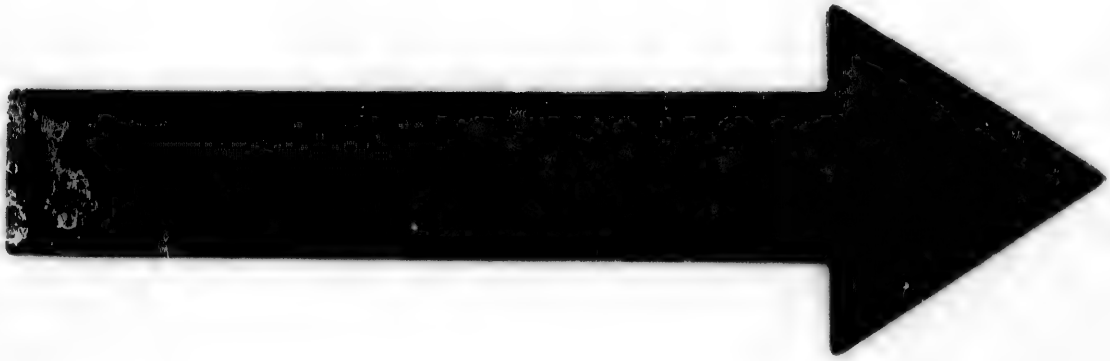
Resolved,—That so much of the Report of the Committee on Laws of Subordinates, as refers to the amendments made by Excelsior Lodge, No 44, be referred back to the Committee, with instructions to report their rejection or approval.

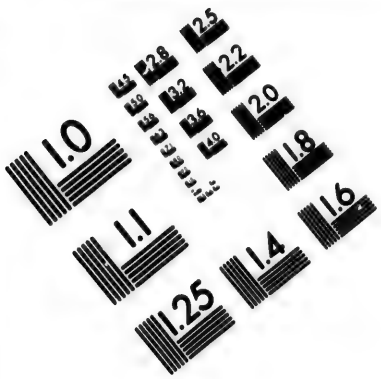
H. C. Bingham, P. G. M., from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following Supplementary Report and Resolutions, which were considered *seriatim*, and adopted :—

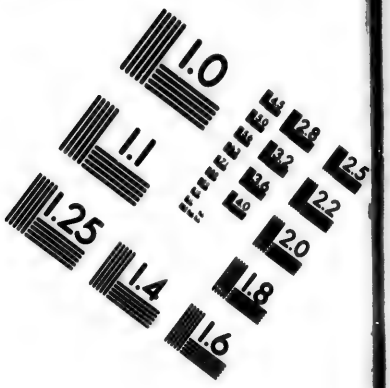
To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F. :

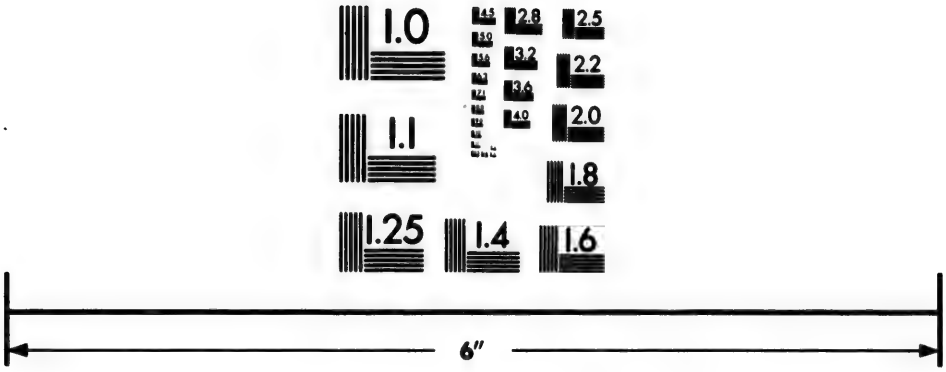
The Committee on Finance have examined the various accounts referred to them, and submit the following resolutions by way of report upon the same :—

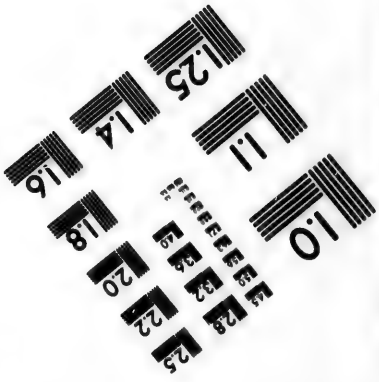
Resolved,—That the request of the Grand Encampment of Ontario asking a renewal of the loan of One Hundred Dollars made last year, be granted.











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Resolved,—That the account of the Grand Lodge of the United States amounting to $331.00, American currency, for Rep. Tax and Supplies, be paid.

Resolved,—That the account of Union Lodge, No. 16, for Representatives, expenses attending the first Session of this Grand Lodge, and an adjourned meeting of the same, amounting to $128, be paid, less $40.00.

Resolved,—That the account of Gore Lodge No. 34, for Rep. expenses attending the first Session of this Grand Lodge at Brockville, amounting to $40.00, be paid.

Resolved,—That the account of the Grand Master, for travelling expenses in visiting Lodges, and for telegrams and expenses, amounting to $85.03, be paid.

Resolved,—That the account of the London Post Office against this Grand Lodge, amounting to $8.50, be paid.

Fraternally submitted.

H. C. BINGHAM, JOHN HUNTER,
JOHN ATKINS, G. W. PONTINE.

Rep. Harper Wilson, from the Committee on Correspondence, submitted the following Report, which was adopted:—

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

With regard to the communication from the R. W. G. Sire to the R. W. G. Master, about the subject of conferring certain so called Degrees in the Lodge Rooms having no connection with our Order, more especially the Oriental Degree of Humility.

Resolved,—We would recommend that the M. W. G. Master instruct the R. W. G. Secretary to furnish each Subordinate Lodge with a copy of the communication from the M. W. Grand Sire, and to instruct the Lodges to conform to its requirements.

Having examined the correspondence of the M. W. G. Master, we find it to have been ably and efficiently attended to.

HARPER WILSON, H. NICHOLSON,
ISAAC HOGG, WM. FERGUSON.
ROBT. TAYLOR.

Rep. John Richmond, seconded by Rep. Thos. Macadam, submitted the following resolution, which was adopted, the word "four" being ordered to be inserted in the blank, in the said resolution.

Resolved,,—That the Committee on Mileage and per Diem be and hereby instructed to compute the Mileage of the Officers and Representatives at this Session, at —— cents per mile each way, and the per diem at two dollars per day.

The Report of the Committee on Revision was then again taken up and considered. The proposed amendments to Art. 3, Sec. 1, Clauses 2, 3, 4.—Lost.

First amendment by Frontier Lodge, No. 45, to Art. 3, Sec. 1, Clause 2, adopted.

First amendment by Collingwood Lodge, No. 54, to Art. 3, Sec 1, Clause 2, adopted.

The amendment by Frontier Lodge, No. 45, to Clause 3, adopted.

Proposed amendment to strike out Clause 5, adopted.

The amendment by Collingwood Lodge No. 54, to Clause 6, adopted.

Proposed amendment to Clause 6, adopted.

Proposed amendmentment to Clause 8, lost.

Proposed amendment to Clause 9, adopted.

Art. 3, Sec. 2.—Proposed amendment to Clause 1, adopted.

The first part of the amendment by Collingwood Lodge No. 54, to Clause 1, adopted.

The last part of the amendment by Collingwood Lodge No. 54, to Clause 1, lost.

The proposed amendments down to, and including Clause 6 of Art. 3, Sec. 4, adopted.

The amendment by Covenant Lodge, No. 52, to Art. 3, Sec. 4, Clause 4, adopted.

The amendment by Collingwood Lodge No. 54, to Clause 5, lost.

Proposed amendments to Clauses 6 and 7, adopted.

Amendment by Collingwood Lodge to Clause 11, adopted.

Proposed amendment to strike out Clause 12, adopted.

All the proposed amendments down to and including Clause 2 of Art. 5, Sec. 1, were adopted.

Proposed amendment to Clause 3, lost.

Amendment by Collingwood Lodge No. 54, to Clause 4 of Sec. 1, Art. 5, adopted.

Amendment by Covenant Lodge No. 52, to Sec. 2, lost.

The amendment by Frontier Lodge No. 45, to Clause 3 of Sec. 1, Art. 7, adopted.

All the proposed amendments down to and including Clause 5 of Sec. Art. 7, adopted.

The amendment of Frontier Lodge No. 45, to Clause 5, lost.

The amendment by Covenant Lodge No. 52, to same Clause, lost.

The amendment by both Covenant Lodge No. 52, and Collingwood Lodge No. 54, to Clause 6 of Sec. 1, Art. 7, adopted.

The amendment by Covenant Lodge No. 52, to Clause 7, was lost.

Proposed amendment to Clause 1, of Sec. 2 of Art. 7, was adopted.

The amendment by Frontier Lodge No. 45, to Clause 3 was lost.

Proposed amendment to Clause 6, adopted.

Amendment by Collingwood Lodge No. 54, to Clause 6, was lost.

The amendment by Collingwood Lodge No. 54, to Clause 2 of Sec. 2, Art. 8, was adopted.

The proposed amendments to Clauses 1 and 3 of Sec. 2, Art. 9, were adopted.

The amendments by Collingwood Lodge No. 54, to new Art. 10, and to new Clause 4, were adopted.

The proposed new Art. 10, Clauses 1, 2, 3, addition to Clause 3 and Clause 4, were adopted.

The Constitution of the Grand Lodge, as amended, was then adopted.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

The amendment by Gore Lodge No. 34, to and Order, adopted.

The amendments by Gore Lodge No. 34, and Collingwood Lodge, No. 54, to the 17th, were adopted.

The Order of Business, as amended, was then adopted.

On motion of Rep. E. Beltz, the vote adopting the amendment to Art. 3, Sec. 1, Clause 2, was re-considered.

When the amendment proposed by Collingwood Lodge, No. 54, to above was considered, and lost.

The Rules of Order, as proposed by the Committee, on revision, were adopted.

On motion of Jas. Woodyatt, Grand Rep., seconded by Rep. M. E. Snider, it was

Resolved,—That the Constitution, Order of Business and Rules of Order of this Grand Lodge, as amended, be adopted.

AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.

All the amendments as proposed by the Revision Committee were adopted.

The amendment by Collingwood Lodge No. 54 to Clause 1 of Sec. 1 Art. 2 was considered and adopted.

The amendment by above Lodge to Clause 5 was not adopted.

The amendment by Covenant Lodge No. 52 to Clause 7 was adopted.

The amendment by Collingwood Lodge No. 54, to strike out Clause 8, was not adopted.

The amendment by same Lodge to Clause 9, adopted.

The amendment proposed by Frontier Lodge No. 45, to Clause 1 of Sec. 3, Art. 2, considered and adopted.

The amendment by Covenant Lodge No. 52 to Clause 2, Sec. 1, Art. 3, was considered and adopted.

The amendment by Collingwood Lodge to Clause 3, adopted.

The amendment by same Lodge to Clause 2 of Sec. 2, Art. 3, considered and adopted.

The amendment by same Lodge to Clause 3, adopted.

The amendment by same Lodge to Clause 2 of Sec. 1, Art. 4, adopted.

The amendment by Covenant Lodge No. 52 to Claus 5 of Sec. 2, Art. 5, considered and lost.

The amendment by Collingwood Lodge No. 54 to same clause, adopted.

The amendment by same Lodge to Clause 5, Sec. 1, Art. 6, lost.

The amendment by Covenant Lodge No. 52 to Clause 6, adopted.

The first part of the amendment by Collingwood Lodge to Clause 2, Sec. 2, Art. 6, was adopted, and the last part not adopted.

The Constitution of Subordinate Lodges, as amended, was then adopted.

The hour of six o'clock having arrived, the Grand Lodge, on motion, adjourned to meet at 7.30 p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

7.30 o'clock.

The Grand Lodge was called to order, and resumed business.

On motion, the reading of the Minutes of the Afternoon Session was dispensed with.

Rep. Thos. Brown, from the Committee on Laws of Subordinates, then submitted their report, amended, which was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:

We, your Committee to whom was referred the proposed amendments to the By-Laws of Excelsior Lodge No. 44, beg leave to report that we have examined the same, and recommend their approval, with the exception—

First—Of that part of the proposed amendment to Clause 9 which authorizes the striking out of the words "balloting for membership."

Second—And with the exception of the whole of the proposed amendment to Clause 10.

Third—And with the further exception of the whole of the proposed amendment to Clause 42.

Fourth—And with the further exception of the last of said amendments, and numbered 17.

All of which is respectfully submitted:

Yours in F. L. & T.,

THOMAS BROWN, WM. FITZSIMMONS,
H. GRIFFITH, JAMES F. McDONALD,
ALFRED HAY.

S. G. Dolson, P. G. M., from the Committee on Appeals, submitted their report, with Clause referring to the appeal of Chas. Lee, amended, as follows:—

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario I. O. O. F.:

CHAS. LEE VS. THE GRAND MASTER AND AVON LODGE.

That your Committee on the case of the appeal of Bro. Lee, of Avon Lodge against the decision of Grand Master, T Partridge, beg leave to submit the following:—That the decision of the Grand Master being verbal renders the appeal informal, and cannot be entertained, as a Brother cannot appeal from the decision of the Grand Master, unless the question is asked in writing and answered in the same manner.

On the appeal of Bro. Lee against the action of Avon Lodge in the donating money to the widow of the late Bro. Chidley, your Committee beg leave to report:—That it being laid down as a principle by the G. L. U.S., and State Grand Lodges, not to interfere with Subordinate Lodges in the disposition of their funds for other than general purposes not defined by the By-Laws, we therefore recommend that this Grand Body do not entertain the appeal, but leave the matter entirely in the hands of Avon Lodge.

PAST GRAND THOS. BROWN VS. EUREKA LODGE, IN RE MCINTYRE.

In the matter of the appeal of Bro. Thos. Brown against Eureka Lodge, concerning the payment of benefits to the late Bro. Alexander M'Intyre, your Committee find that from the evidence before them, said Brother having paid his dues previous to sickness, that after the expiration of six weeks from such payment the said A. McIntyre was entitled to all benefits from that date. We therefore respectfully report that the appeal aforesaid be sustained.

Respectfully submitted.

SAML. G. DOLSON, WM. D. KENNEDY,
R. MATHISON, HY. ROBERTSON,
W. S. CAMPBELL.

On motion to adopt the Clauses relating to the appeal of Bro. C. Lee, of Avon Lodge, in regard to $100 grant to Widow Chidley, it was resolved in the negative.

H. C. Bingham, P. G. M., moved, seconded by Rep. W. Mowatt, that the appeal of Bro. Chas. Lee be sustained, and the action of the Lodge reversed. Which was resolved in the negative.

On motion duly seconded, the vote on which the Clauses of the Committee's Report was reversed, was reconsidered. When,—

Rep. Cl. T. Campbell, seconded by Rep. J. J. Ramsay: moved the following, which was adopted.

Resolved,—That all after the word "that" in Clause 2 of Report of Committee be stricken out, and the following inserted, "while this G. L. freely acknowledges that the action of Avon Lodge was based on that spirit of generosity characteristic of Odd Fellowship, yet it was evidently against the letter of the law; but, under the circumstances, we advise the Lodge to let the matter rest, and make no efforts to recover the money already paid to Mrs. Chidley."

On the motion to adopt the last Clause of the Report, in reference to the appeal in the case of Bro. McIntyre, it was moved, in amendment, by Rep. John Hunter, seconded by Rep. Samuel Atkins:

Resolved,—That the Report of the Committee on Appeals in the case of the late Bro. McIntyre be not concurred in, and that the action of Eureka Lodge, No. 30, be sustained.

Resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on the motion to adopt the Clause, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The report as amended was then adopted.

Fred. D. Stewart, R. W. Deputy Grand Sire of the Grand Lodge of the United States, being in waiting, the chair appointed P. G. Masters Jas. Woodyatt, Jas. Smith and H. McAfee a committee to wait upon and introduce the distinguished visitor, who was received with the Honors of the order.

H. C. Bingham, P. G. M., from the Committee on the State of the Order, submitted the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

The Committee on the State of the Order submit the following resolutions in answer to the following questions:

Wm. Barley, Rep. Bissell Lodge:—When does a member become in arrears?

Resolved,—That it depends wholly upon the By-laws of a Lodge.

Rep. Campbell, Dominion Lodge No. 48:—Must a candidate for admission

into the I. O. O. F. be initiated a second time if he has no documentary evidence of his first initiation, but can prove himself an Odd Fellow by the possession of the secrets of the Order? If not, in what manner can he join?

Resolved,—That the ceremony of initiation is unnecessary in the case mentioned, and he may be admitted in the same manner in other respects as new applicants, by regular ballot and the payment of fees according to his age and the by-laws of the Lodge.

Respectfully submitted.

H. C. BINGHAM, HENRY McAFEE.
W. MOWATT, JOHN MURRAY,
WM. BISSELL.

Rep. J. Taylor, Jr., from the Committee on Legislation, submitted the following supplementary report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:

We, your Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred that part of the M. W. G. Master's report with regard to neglect of a large number of the D. D. G. Masters to send in their reports, beg leave to say that before they had time to make out their report the Revision Committee, as, recommended by Collingwood Lodge No. 54, proposed and had adopted by this Grand Body an article for that purpose.

Resolved,—That the above report be adopted.

JOHN TAYLOR, Jr., W. F. ROOME,
RICHARD WIGMORE, CHAS. F. HANSON,
JOHN GIBSON.

James Smith, P. G. M., asked permission from the Grand Lodge to appeal to the G. L. U. S. against its action on the appeal of Rep. M. D. Dawson, which was granted.

The Lodge then proceeded with the nomination and election of officers, when the following was adopted, on motion of James Smith, P. G. M.:

Resolved,—That the election for each office be had immediately upon the close of the nomination for such office.

The Chair appointed Past Grand Masters Jas. Woodyatt and Wm. Bissell tellers.

The nominations for Grand Officers were as follows:

FOR GRAND MASTER.

P.G. M. E. Snider	nominated	Rep.	T. Healy.
" W. Bissell	"	"	H. C. Bingham, P.G.M.
" M. Jas. Smith	"	"	Thos. Partridge, P.G.M.
P.G. John Smith	"	"	W. N. Ford.

Rep. Thos. Partridge declined.

Rep. W. N. Ford elected on second ballot.

DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

P.G. H. Griffith	nominated	P.G.	John Gibson.
" Cl. T. Campbell	"	"	E. Beltz.
" W. Bissell	"	"	J. J. Ramsay.
" R. Wigmore	"	"	Hy. Robertson.
" Jas. Smith	"	"	W. Fitzsimmons.

"	J. N. Mathews	"	"	M. Blume.
"	T. Healy	"	"	J. B. McIntyre.
"	H. McAfee	"	"	Geo. Irwin.
"	W. Fitzsimmons	"	"	John Wright.
"	J. Smith	"	"	A. Purvis.
"	W. F. Roome	"	"	John Murray.
"	R. Wigmore	"	"	M. E. Snider.
"	H. Wilson	"	"	Geo. Wales.
"	J. Taylor, jr.,	"	"	W. R. Roberts.
"	M. Blume	"	"	J. Schneider.
"	John Hunter	"	"	C. F. Hanson.
"	W. R. Roberts	"	"	James. Henry.

P. G.'s Beltz, Ramsay, Robertson, Fitzsimmons, Blume, McIntyre, Irwin, Wright, Wales, Roberts, Schneider, Hanson and Henry declined.

P. G. John Gibson elected on first ballot.

R. W. GRAND WARDEN.

P. G.	M. James Smith	nominated	P.G.	A. Purvis.
"	Wm. Bissell	"	"	J. J. Ramsay.
"	W. D. Kennedy	"	"	John Murray.
"	H. Nicholson	"	"	M. Blume.
"	J. Atkins	"	"	H. E. Buttrey.
"	R. Wigmore	"	"	J. N. Mathews.
"	H. E. Buttrey	"	"	J. B. McIntyre.
"	M. E. Snider	"	"	J. Taylor, jr.
"	J. Richmond	"	"	R. Mathison.
"	J. N. Mathews	"	"	Jno. Richmond.
"	M. Blume	"	"	W. R. Roberts.

P. G.'s Buttrey, Mathews, Taylor, Mathison and Richmond declined.

P. G. J. J. Ramsay elected on second ballot.

R. W. GRAND SECRETARY.

P. G. M. E. Snider nominated J. B. King, who was declared elected by acclamation.

R. W. GRAND TREASURER.

P. G.	James Smith	nominated	P. G.	Geo. Irwin.
"	H. C. Bingham	"	"	A. D. Clement.
"	H. Wilson	"	"	Geo. Wales.
"	Cl. T. Campbell	"	"	John Wright.

P. G. John Wright declined.

P. G. A. D. Clement elected on first ballot.

R. W. GRAND REPRESENTATIVE TO G. L. U. S.

P. G.	M. E. Snider	nominated	P.G.M.	Thos. Partridge.
"	James Smith	"	"	H. McAfee.
"	J. B. McIntyre	"	"	S. G. Dolson.

Rep. Thos. Partridge, P. G. M., elected on first ballot.

James Smith, P.G.M., moved that when this Grand Lodge adjourns, it does so to meet in the town of Stratford, on the 1st Wednesday in August, 1871.

Moved in amendment by Rep. J. J. Ramsay, that the word Stratford be struck out and Toronto substituted.

Rep Alfred Hay moved as amendment to the amendment that Toronto be stricken out, and Windsor inserted.

After some discussion, the last amendment, was, by consent, withdrawn.

The question being upon the adoption of the amendment of Rep. Ramsay, it was resolved in the affirmative, and the motion as amended was adopted.

Rep. John Richmond, of Excelsior Lodge, No. 44 gave notice that at the next session of the Grand Lodge, he will move to amend the Constitution of Subordinates by striking out Clause 5, Sec. 2, Art 5.

On motion of Rep. Cl. Campbell, seconded by Rep. E. Beltz, the following was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary prepare a list of Lodges, with the officers, for publication in the Canadian Almanac.

On motion of Jas. Smith P.G.M., it was resolved that 500 copies of the Journal of 1870, and 500 copies of the Constitution, as amended, be printed.

Rep. J. Atkins, of Eureka Lodge, No. 30, submitted two questions which were referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

Rep. W. Fitzsimmons, of Prince Arthur Lodge, asked the following question:—Are the Working Books included in the Charter Fee of $30, say thirty dollars, for the institution of a new Lodge?

The Grand Master answered, No. (See Constitution.)

On motion of Rep. T. Healy, it was resolved that a vote of thanks be tendered to the scrutineers, viz., Jas. Woodyatt and W. Bissell.

H. C. Bingham, P.G.M., from the Committee on the State of the Order, submitted the following Report and Resolution, which was considered and adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:

We, your Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the following questions, by Rep. John Atkins, of Eureka Lodge, No. 30, viz:

Is it legal to confer the Rebekah Degree on the widow of a deceased Brother who was in good standing at the time of his death, if he was not a member of the Scarlet Degree.?

Also,—

If a widow removes out of the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of United States, while in receipt of benefits from a Lodge, can she legally claim said benefits.?

To the first we would answer—No.

To the last we answer—Yes.

We therefore submit the following resolution:—

Resolved,—That the above Report be adopted.

H. C. BINGHAM, HENRY McAFEE,
WM. BISSELL, W. MOWAT,
JOHN MURRAY.

The Grand Master appointed P. G. M.s H. C. Bingham and S. G. Dolson a Committee, to introduce the Grand Officers elect for installation, who thereupon introduced the several Officers elect, with the usual formalities, each of whom was duly installed, as follows:

W. N. Ford .....M. W. Grand Master.
Jno. Gibson ....R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
J. J. Ramsay..... " " Grand Warden.
J. B. King ..... " " " Secretary.
A. D. Clement ..... " " " Treasurer.

On motion, the Bond of J. B. King, late Grand Treasurer, was ordered to be cancelled.

The Bond of A. D. Clement, Grand Treasurer, was accepted by the Grand Lodge.

On motion of Rep. T. Healy, the Grand Lodge adjourned, to meet to-morrow morning, at 8 o'clock.

THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY MORNING, Aug. 5, 1870.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—All the Officers (excepting the Grand Chaplain), and all the Representatives.

The minutes of last Evening Session read and confirmed.

Rep. J. N. Mathews, from the Committee on Printing, submitted the following Report and Resolution, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:

We, your Committee on Printing, beg to report, that there is nothing requiring their immediate attention, the printing of the Journal being in the hands of the Grand Secretary. We would, however, suggest that tenders be called for by the Grand Secretary for printing the Journal and Revised Constitution. We therefore submit the following:

Resolved,—That this Report be adopted.

J. N. MATHEWS, LOUIS DORR,
WM. BARLEY, J. B. KING.

On motion of Rep. Thos. Partridge, it was

Resolved,—That the stock at present held by this Grand Lodge, be converted into cash.

Rep. Jas. Henry, from the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, submitted the following Report, table, and resolutions, which were adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:

We your Committee on Mileage and Per Diem beg to submit the following table and resolutions, viz:

TABLE OF MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

Name of Lodge.	No.	No. of Miles Travelled	No. of Reps.	Rate per mile.	Amount of Mileage.	No. of Days.	Rate per Diem.	Total of Mileage and per Diem.
Brock	9		2	4cts		3	$2 00	$12 00
Union	16	553	3	4	$66 96	3	2 00	84 36
Chatham	29	774	2	4	61 92	3	2 00	73 92
Eureka	30	646	4	4	103 36	3	2 00	127 36
Erie	33	668	1	4	26 72	3	2 00	32 72
Gore	34	556	2	4	44 48	3	2 00	56 48
Samaritan	35	608	2	4	48 64	3	2 00	60 64
St. Marys	36	616	2	4	49 28	3	2 00	61 28
Forest City	38	646	4	4	103 36	3	2 00	127 36
Avon	41	594	3	4	71 28	3	2 00	89 28
Excelsior	44	494	2	4	39 52	3	2 00	51 52
Frontier	45	868	3	4	104 16	3	2 00	122 16
Mount Zion	46	720	1	4	28 80	8	2 00	34 80
Unity	47	494	2	4	39 52	3	2 00	51 52
Dominion	48	646	2	4	51 68	3	2 00	63 68
Canada	49	416	2	4	33 28	3	2 00	45 28
Otter	50	638	1	4	25 52	3	2 00	31 52
Bissell	51	618	1	4	24 72	3	2 00	30 72
Covenant	52	416	2	4	33 28	3	2 00	45 28
Niagara Falls	53	580	1	4	23 20	3	2 00	29 20
Collingwood	54	606	2	4	48 48	3	2 00	60 48
Fidelity*	55							
Queen City of Ontario	56	416	1	4	16 64	3	2 00	22 64
Maple Leaf	57	504	1	4	20 16	3	2 00	26 16
Howard	58	686	1	4	27 44	3	2 00	33 44
Prince Arthur	59	96	1	4	3 84	3	2 00	9 84
Wardsville	60	726	1	4	29 04	3	2 00	35 04
Corinthian	61	348	1	4	14 00	3	2 00	20 00
Huron	62	350	1	4	28 48	3	2 00	34 48
Barrie	63	548	1	4	21 92	3	2 00	27 92
Grand Officers Present.								
Grand Master	.....	646	1	4	25 84	3	2 00	31 84
Deputy Grand Master	.....	558	1	4	22 32	3	2 00	28 12
Grand Warden	....		1			3	2 00	6 00
Grand Sec. and Treas.	....	556	1	4	22 24	3	2 00	28 24
Grand Rep. to G. L. U. S.	....	556	1	4	22 24	3	2 00	28 24
Grand " " " "	.....	868	1	4	34 72	3	2 00	40 72
Grand Marshal	....	616	1	4	24 64	3	2 00	30 64
Grand Conductor	....	416	1	4	16 64	3	2 00	22 64
Grand Guardian	....	558	1	4	22 32	3	2 00	28 12

* No Representative present.

The foregoing table is computed in accordance with the resolution of this Grand Lodge, at four cents per mile and two dollars per diem.

Your Committee beg to make the following resolution:

Resolved,—That the foregoing report be adopted, and that the Grand Master do issue orders on the Grand Treasurer in accordance therewith, in favour of the Officers and Representatives.

JAMES HENRY, E. R CARPENTER,
JOHN RICHMOND, THOS. McADAM,
M. BLUME, JOHN SCHNEIDER

The following resolution was considered and adopted, on motion of H. McAfee, P. G. M., seconded by Rep. John Smith:

Resolved,—That the sum of six dollars be paid Mr. John Grant for services as Messenger to the Grand Lodge for the present session.

The following moved by Rep. W. Mowat, seconded by Rep. R. Mathison, was considered and adopted:

Resolved,—That the thanks of this R. W. G. Lodge be and the same are hereby tendered to the Brothers of Brock Lodge for the use of their handsome and commodious Lodge Room during the present sitting of this R. W. G. Lodge.

The following moved by H. McAfee, P. G. M., seconded by Rep. John Smith, was considered and adopted:

Resolved,—That the sum of thirty dollars be set apart to pay the incidental expenses of this session, and that a Committee of three be appointed to carry out the requirements of this resolution.

The Chair named as the Committee: H. McAfee, P. G. M., and Reps. W. Mowatt and Thomas Brown.

The following on motion of Rep. H. Griffith, seconded by Rep. J. Smith, was adopted:

Resolved,—That the thanks of this R. W. Grand Lodge are due and are hereby tendered to the retiring Grand Officers for their valuable services during the year.

The following resolution by Rep. H. C. Bingham, seconded by Rep. Wm. Mowatt, was adopted:

Resolved,—That in future no further moneys be voted for incidental or other expenses when it is inconsistent to have the object of the appropriation made known to this Grand Lodge.

The following resolution by Rep. W. Mowatt, seconded by Rep. R. Mathison, was adopted:

Resolved,—That the sum of fifty dollars ($50) be paid out of the funds of this Grand Lodge to Thos. Partridge, Past Grand Master, for extra incidental expenses incurred in visiting the Subordinate Lodges during the past year.

The following, moved by Rep. W. D. Kennedy, seconded by Rep. R. Wigmore, was resolved in the negative:

Resolved,—That a Committee be appointed to make selection of some suitable central point for the meeting of this Grand Body; which point upon being decided upon shall be considered as the permanent place of meeting for three consecutive years, and report at next G. L. meeting.

The M. W. Grand Master made the following appointments, viz.:

Rep. Thos. Reid	R. W. Grand	Marshal.
" W. D. Kennedy	" "	Conductor.
" A. McPhail	" "	Guardian.
" C. F. Hanson	" "	Chaplain.
" M. Blume	" "	Herald.

Who were at once installed into their respective offices.

The Grand Master appointed the following District Deputy Grand Masters, who were approved by the Grand Lodge, viz.:

P. G. Frank Young	*Brock*	No. 9
	Prince Arthur	" 59
" Louis Dorr	*Union*	" 16
" W. N. Smith	*Chatham*	" 29
	Eureka	" 30
" John Hunter	*Forest City*	" 38
	Dominion	" 48
" Geo. W. Pontine	*Erie*	" 33
" W. S. Campbell	*Gore*	" 34
" J. F. McDonald	*Samaritan*	" 35
" W. N. Ford, G. M.	*St. Mary's*	" 36
" Henry Gibson	*Avon*	" 41
" John Smith	*Excelsior*	" 44
	Unity	" 47
" Alfred Hay	*Frontier*	" 45
" W. F. Roome	*Mt. Zion*	" 46
	Canada	" 49
" Hugh Blain	*Covenant*	" 52
	Queen City of Ontario	" 56
" J. N. Mathews	*Otter*	" 50
" Wm. Barley	*Bissell*	" 51
" John Murray	*Niagara Falls*	" 53
" Henry Robertson	*Collingwood*	" 54
	Barrie	" 63
" Henry Nicholson	*Howard*	" 57
" Thomas McAdam	*Maple Leaf*	" 58
" Wm. Irving	*Wardsville*	" 60
" C. S. Male	*Corinthian*	" 61

On motion duly seconded, the Grand Lodge closed in the G. L. Degree and opened in the Scarlet Degree.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Sire, Bro. Fred. D. Stewart, of the District of Columbia, by desire of the Grand Lodge, proceeded to exemplify the Secret Work.

After which the Grand Lodge closed in the Scarlet and opened in the G. L. Degree.

When a vote of thanks to Bro. F. D. Stewart for his very valuable services was passed.

The business of the session being completed, the Grand Lodge adjourned at 12 o'clock on the third day of the session.

S. W. King.
Grand Secy.

Seventeenth Annual Session

HELD AT TORONTO.

TORONTO, August 2, 1871.

A representation of the Lodges in Toronto having assembled in special session, in the Odd Fellows' Hall, for the purpose of receiving the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario. The M. W. Grand Master, Officers and Representatives, having been duly announced, were admitted and presented to the N. G., Bro. Dr. Wright, who in an appropriate address, welcomed the Grand Lodge to Toronto, and tendered that body the free use of their spacious Lodge Room, with ante rooms, for the purposes of the present session. The Grand Master, Bro. W. N. Ford, on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, responded to the address, and accepted the proffered use of the rooms with thanks.

The Subordinate Lodge then closed.

W. N. Ford, M. W. Grand Master, took the chair, and called the Grand Lodge to order, when upon a call of the roll the following officers were found present:

W. N. FORD.....*M. W. Grand Master.*
JOHN GIBSON.....*R. W. Deputy Grand Master.*
J. J. RAMSAY.....*R. W. Grand Warden.*
J. B. KING.....*R. W. Grand Secretary.*
A. D. CLEMENT.....*R. W. Grand Treasurer.*
JAMES WOODYATT.....*R. W. Grand Rep. to G. L. U. S.*
THOS. PARTRIDGE..... *Do Do*
THOS. REID.....*R. W. Grand Marshal.*
A McPHAIL.....*R. W. Grand Guardian.*
M. BLUME.....*R. W. Grand Herald.*

The chair made the following appointments, *pro tem.*:

Rep. J. F. McDONALD.....*R. W. Grand Conductor.*
H. C. BINGHAM, P. G. M.....*R. W. Grand Chaplain.*

The Grand Conductor and Grand Marshal examined all present and declared them duly qualified, whereupon the R. W. Grand Chaplain *pro tem* addressed the throne of grace as follows:

ALMIGHTY AND ETERNAL GOD, our Creator, Preserver, and Constant Benefactor, we render Thee humble and hearty thanks for that kind care that has watched over us during the past year, and permitted us again to assemble in Thy name for the transaction of business. We desire to acknowledge our unworthiness in Thy sight, and we feel that without Thy Divine Help all our purposes are ineffectual and all our efforts vain. Look with favor upon our

beloved Order, and aid us in our efforts to increase its usefulness. Bless the widow and the orphan; and aid all who are in distress as Thou seest they deserve. Be with us at this time; direct and guide us in all our deliberations, and grant that the spirit of peace, harmony, and love may prevail among us at all times; and when our labors on earth are ended, may we enter into the rest prepared for Thy faithful servants, and with all Thy redeemed family unite in ascribing praise to Thy Holy Name, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Grand Warden, by direction of the chair, proclaimed the Grand Lodge open for the transaction of business.

The chair then announced the following Committee on Credentials: J. B. King, Grand Sec.; Reps. John Richmond, John Schneider.

Jas. Smith, P. G. M., announced Dr. A. H. King, P. H. P., and Dr. Gunther, P. G., of the City of Baltimore, in waiting. The chair appointed Past Grand Masters Jas. Smith, Jas. Woodyatt, and T. Partridge a Committee to wait upon and introduce the visitors, which was accordingly done, and the visitors welcomed by the Grand Master.

J. B. King, from the Committee on Credentials, presented the following report and resolution, which were adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

We, your Committee on Credentials, beg to report that we have examined the Returns of the Subordinate Lodges, and the certificates presented, and find the following Brothers duly elected, and credentials in due form. We recommend that they be admitted to the Grand Lodge as the Representatives of their several Lodges, as follows:

W. H. COLE W. M. SEATON	*Brock Lodge*	No. 9
TIMOTHY HEALY LOUIS DORR G. E. PATTERSON JAS. ELLIOTT	*Union Lodge*	" 16
JOHN ATKINS JOHN HUNTER ROBT. KIRKPATRICK JAMES HERON GEO. POWELL, Sr.	*Eureka Lodge*	" 30
GEO. W. HARE GEO. W PONTINE	*Erie Lodge*	" 33
ROBT. MATHISON THOS. WOODYATT	*Gore Lodge*	" 34
J. F. McDONALD T. SIMONS W. C. BELL	*Samaritan Lodge*	" 35
ROBT. BARBOUR RICHARD BOX	*St. Mary's*	" 36
JAMES SMITH ED. BELTZ H. E. BUTTERY M. D. DAWSON	*Forest City Lodge*	" 38
JOHN DUTTON HENRY GIBSON JAS. MORRISON	*Avon Lodge*	" 41
JNO. RICHMOND WM. LEWIS JOHN PRYKE	*Excelsior Lodge*	" 44
JOHN BOWDEN WM. FERGUSON HENRY McAFEE	*Frontier Lodge*	" 45

JOHN D. ANDERSON	*Mt. Zion Lodge*	" 46
T. A. TARRANT ALEX. McKAY GEO. MIDGLEY	*Unity Lodge*	" 47
J. J. DYAS Cl. T. CAMPBELL JAMES SMITH	*Dominion Lodge*	" 48
J. G. COLEMAN W. R. ROBERTS ROBT. TAYLOR J. B. HOWE	*Canada Lodge*	" 49
J. M. TWEEDALE,	*Otter Lodge*	" 50
JOSEPH F. EBY HUGH BLAIN H. W. MURDOCK F. T. BARKER	*Covenant Lodge*	" 52
JNO. BOWEN H. BENDER	*Niagara Falls Lodge*	" 53
JAMES R. DUNN GEO. WILLIAMS J. FIELDS	*Queen City of Ontario Lodge*	" 56
DAVID FRECKLETON	*Wardsville Lodge*	" 60
C. S. MALE	*Corinthian Lodge*	" 61
THOS. RENWICK ROBT. HOGARTH	*Huron Lodge*	" 62
ROBT. EVANS	*Victoria Lodge*	" 64
THOS. PARTRIDGE J. S. GARNER	*Friendship Lodge*	" 65
RICHARD FYFE	*Florence Nightingale Lodge*	" 66
HENRY ROBERTSON	*North Star Lodge*	" 68
ALEX. DUNDAS	*Hope Lodge*	" 69
E. MARA	*Lucan Lodge*	" 70
J. J. RAMSAY	*The Toronto Lodge*	" 71
W. F. ROOME	*Bothwell Lodge*	" 74
RICHARD WARRINER	*Warriner Lodge*	" 75
J. F. MOREY	*Oxford Lodge*	" 77

We also find the following Past Grand's Certificates in due form, viz.: W. M. Chapman, P. G., of Victoria Lodge No. 64, Hamilton.

Your Committee find that there are no returns due from St. Thomas and Oxford Lodges, yet these Lodges send in Certificates of having elected Representatives. While the precedent has been established of admitting Representatives from Lodges instituted after June 30th, we feel that Lodges so instituted are not entitled to Representation, from the fact that they have not contributed anything towards the funds of this Grand Lodge, for the purpose of paying their Representatives; and further, that it may happen that a Lodge which reported June 30th, showing 101 members, may elect 3 Representatives; before July 1st ten may withdraw and start a new Lodge and elect a Representative, thus there would be four Representatives on the 101 members. We recommend that in this instance the Representatives elected and present be admitted as such, but that some legislation be had upon the subject to prevent its recurrence in the future.

We find that the Representatives of Chatham Lodge, No. 29, have come with only P. G. Certificates. The name of each, viz.: Jno. Schneider, John P. Young, and George Turner, are on the return. We are satisfied that the Brothers have been duly elected to represent Chatham Lodge, and recommend that they be admitted as such.

We find the Certificate of Robert Evans, Representative of Victoria Lodge, No. 64, has the seal *pinned on*. Such is contrary to the law, yet we are convinced Bro. Evans has been duly elected, and recommend that his certificate be accepted.

We find that W. D. Kennedy and J. J. Ramsay have been duly elected to represent "The Toronto Lodge," and we have presented certificates from M. E. Snider and J. J. Ramsay of having been elected Representatives; in the absence

of any communication from the Lodge showing that Brother Kennedy had resigned his position, we cannot recommend the admission of Bro. Snider.

Your Committee recommend that such Representatives and Past Grands as have not already received the G. L. Degree, be now admitted and instructed.

In conclusion your Committee beg to move the adoption of the Report.

J. B. KING,
JNO. RICHMOND,
J. SCHNEIDER.

The Representatives and Past Grands were then introduced, obligated, and instructed in the Grand Lodge Degree by the R. W. Grand Warden.

James Smith, P. G. M., seconded by Representative J. J. Dyas, moved that the minutes of last session be adopted as printed.

Rep. Cl. T. Campbell objected to the word "Herald," which appears on page * and seconded by H. C. Bingham, P. G. M., moved the following amendment, which was adopted:

Resolved,—That the word "Herald," occurring on page * third line from the bottom, is incorrectly inserted, and forms no part of the minutes of the last session, no such office having been created by this Grand Lodge.

The question recurring on the motion of James Smith, P. G. M., as amended. It was agreed to.

The following communication was read and referred to the Committee on Credentials:

THE TORONTO LODGE, No. 71, I. O. O. F., B. U.,

Toronto, July 24th, 1871.

J. B. KING, Esq., R. W. Grand Secretary.

I am directed to notify you of the resignation of P. G. Bro. W. D. Kennedy as our Representative to your R. W. G. L., in whose stead P. G., M. E. Snider, of Covenant Lodge, No. 52, has been duly elected.

Witness the seal of this Lodge, this 24th day of July, 1871.

F. T. YATES, Secretary.

Moved by H. McAfee, P. G. M., seconded by Rep. Louis Dorr: That this Grand Lodge do now adjourn until 2 o'clock, p. m. Resolved in the negative.

The Grand Master then read his Annual Report as follows:

GRAND MASTER'S REPORT.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:

BRETHREN —I cordially greet you on the recurrence of another annual meeting of this Grand Body.

By the continued favor of the Grand Master of the universe, we have been once more permitted to assemble together, and it becomes our duty to render thanks to Him for the many privileges and blessings enjoyed since our last yearly communication.

* * This refers to the word "Herald" in the list of appointed Officers, as it appears in the constitution as adopted in 1870.

It affords me unmingled pleasure to meet the representatives and members of this Grand Lodge in this beautiful hall, lately dedicated to the use of our Order, in this the "Queen City" of Ontario, confident that our deliberations, conducted in the spirit of forbearance and brotherly love, may prove beneficial to the brotherhood.

Our beloved Order in this jurisdiction, by the patient labor of its members and the inherent excellence of the principles upon which it is founded, has overcome the many hindrances to its progress, and has taken its place high among the great and benevolent institutions destined to become a blessing to the country. Its onward progress is now bright with the sunshine of prosperity as it marches on to fraternize the world.

Clause 1.—The past year has been one of great and unexampled prosperity within our borders, for which we have every reason to be grateful. Both numerically and financially the increase has been beyond our most sanguine expectations.

Within the past year fourteen new Lodges have applied for Charters, and to which warrants have been granted, subject to your approval and confirmation.

Under such warrants the following Lodges have been instituted by me personally:

Victoria No. 64, at Hamilton, 22nd August, 1870.
Friendship No. 65, at Petrolia, 13th January, 1871.
Florence Nightingale No. 66, at Bowmanville, 25th January, 1871.
Exeter No. 67, Exeter, County of Huron, 27th January, 1871.
North Star No. 68, at Stayner, 3rd March, 1871.
Hope No. 69, at Harrietsville, 23rd March, 1871.
Lucan No. 70, at Lucan, 30th March, 1871.
Toronto No. 71, at Toronto, 8th May, 1871.
Eastern Star No. 72, at Whitby, 11th May, 1871.
Fergus No. 73, Fergus, 31st May, 1871.
Bothwell No. 74, at Bothwell, 23rd June, 1871.
Warriner No. 75, at Port Perry, 27th June, 1871.
St. Thomas No. 76, St. Thomas, 14th July, 1871.
Oxford No. 77, at Ingersoll, 27th July, 1871.

For all of which I would recommend charters to be granted.

I received petitions for two Rebekah Degree Lodges, one of which (Ruth No. 2) was instituted at the town of Stratford, on the 10th day of May last, by Deputy Grand Master Brother John Gibson, I consenting and approving, so far as I was able on the part of the Grand Lodge, to such institution, and for which I ask your approval.

Clause 2.—By the direction of the Grand Lodge at its last session, I have executed Charters for the following Lodges:—Collingwood No. 54, Fidelity No. 55, Queen City of Ontario No. 56, Maple Leaf No. 57, Howard No. 58, Prince Arthur No. 59, Wardsville No. 60, Corinthian No. 61, Huron No. 62, Barrie No. 63.

Clause 3.—There has been an increase of membership in the Lodges instituted before the term ending 30th June, 1870, of	784 00
A total increase in all Lodges to 30th June. 1871, of	1,103 00
Present membership	3,595 00
The annual receipts of Subordinate Lodges is	$28,865 95
Widows' and Orphans' Fund accumulated	23,288 07
General Fund	31,588 67

There have been 21 deaths during the past year, among whom we have to deplore the death of our late Grand Warden, J. Wright, of Brock Lodge No. 9.

The general statistics of the Order will no doubt appear in the report of the Grand Representatives, yet I cannot forbear giving a statement of the amount of receipts and expenditure for relief for the last 40 years.

Receipts from	1830 to 1839	inclusive	.....	$	327,935 77
" "	1840 to 1849	"	.....		4,933,492 17
" "	1850 to 1859	"	.....		12,987,453 05
" "	1860 to 1869	"	.....		13,111,133 34
Total			.....	$	31,324,014 33

Amount paid for relief during the four decades mentioned amounts to $12,775,030.42, leaving an excess of revenue over expenditure of $18,548,983.91. These statements show at a glance the vast importance to which our Order has attained. I felt it an incumbent as well as a pleasing duty, as directed by the Constitution, to visit all the Lodges in this jurisdiction, and while on such visits it was expected under ordinary circumstances to give satisiactory explanations of all questions of practice and law necessary for the information of each Lodge, waiting for that purpose, the publication of the digest compiled by the G. L. U. S. of all laws laid down to and including the last session, most of my labors were within the last months of my term. In some places I found it impossible to meet in person Lodges for whose members I have the highest esteem and respect, yet by the kindness of Bro. J. Gibson, D. G. M., J. J. Ramsay. G. W., and P. G. Masters Bros. H. McAfee and Smith, with two exceptions I have accomplished that duty.

Clause 4.—Your Grand Body at its last session prepared and revised Constitutions both for the Grand Lodge and its subordinates, making such amendments and additions as the experience of your past representatives found to be in accord with law and the wants and requirements of the jurisdiction.

These Constitutions were submitted by your Grand Representatives to the G. L. U. S. and approved.

The revised Constitutions made it imperative on most Lodges to revise their By-Laws—copies of which will be presented for your approval.

Clause 5.—In the Most Worthy Grand Master's Report for the year 1859, it is stated that St. Mary's Lodge, No. 36, was the only Lodge then in this jurisdiction meeting in a Hall of their own. Since that time, and up to the present, not only St. Mary's but Union at St. Catharines, Frontier at Windsor, Erie at Port Burwell, and Otter at Tilsonburg have become owners of their Lodge Rooms. These properties have an estimated value of over $30,000, and it has become almost a matter of necessity as well as economy that Lodges, when it is possible, should have some place of their own for the purpose of meeting and carrying out the philanthropic objects of our Institution. Not only have these several Lodges become possessed of lands and buildings, but all have accumulated funds, in some instances of considerable amounts, held and expended for the charitable and benevolent purposes of our Order.

Under such circumstances it has been thought advisable that some legislation should be asked for—by Parliament—to enable Lodges to hold such property not altogether dependent on the life of a single or comparatively small number of individuals, and your Grand Body passed a resolution authorizing certain of its officers to take the necessary proceedings to procure such Legislation. The first application was not successful with the then Parliament. At the last session of the Legislature of Ontario such application was again renewed, and Cap. 9, C. S. C., was so amended that without any considerable cost Lodges can become incorporated, and as such hold property to a limited extent, as mentioned in said Act.

Some of the Lodges under your jurisdiction have availed themselves of the said amended Act, and are now bodies corporate and politic.

A question under these proceedings has been raised, as to whether a Lodge taking advantage of this Act of Incorporation could not hold their property free from the control of the Grand Lodge, and continue to act in contempt of its mandates.

I am not pressed with fear of the probability of such an occurrence, yet the matter is before you for your consideration.

The incorporation of the Grand Lodge will also be a matter for your careful notice.

Clause 6.—Notwithstanding the care and labor bestowed on the revised Constitution of the Grand Lodge some omissions occur calling for your attention, among which is some authority to grant charters for Rebecca Degree Lodges, as well as power to enable the Grand Master to grant warrants for the establishment of such Lodges.

I have received an application for the institution of a Degree Lodge at London, and believing that uniformity in the work would be thus increased, I recommend favorable consideration of the petition.

Clause 7.—At the last meeting of this Grand Lodge decision No 2 of the Most Worthy Grand Master, mentioned in his report was confirmed.

In the matter of appeal, Past Grand Brown vs. Eureka Lodge, No. 30, this decision is apparently contradicted. In consequence this Lodge has not obeyed the decision last referred to, and Past Grand Brown complains of the action of that Lodge. I have required said Lodge to produce before you a certified copy of all proceedings held in reference to this matter, and recommend a full and complete determination of the same. In the matter of appeals, there is much uncertainty as to the proper mode of procedure, and I would recommend this matter to your consideration.

A number of appeals as to the matter of practice, &c., are in the hands of the Grand Secretary for your determination.

Clause 8.—I have received applications for withdrawal cards from Bro. N. W. Moore, Elijah Moore, Thos. L. Lindop, &c., late members of Elgin Lodge, and after careful examination have granted such cards.

Clause 9.—I have to report of the Deputy District Grand Masters more favorably than my predecessor, yet some of them have not fulfilled the duties assigned them.

I have to speak in the highest terms of praise of the reports sent me by D. D. G. M. Bro. Henry Robertson, of Collingwood; Bros

Male, of Oshawa; Nicholson, of Strathroy; J. Murray, Niagara Falls; H. Blain, of Toronto; W. F. Roome, Newbury; John Smith, Hamilton; J. Gibson, Stratford; J. McDonald, of Ingersoll; D. D. Rose, of Seaforth; and J. Hunter, of London; P. G. M. H. McAfee, who kindly consented to act in the preparation of the information contained in their communications.

I would in this matter recommend to my successor the grouping of Lodges, under the superintendance of one D. D. G. M., when conveniently located.

Clause 10.—I have made the following decisions upon questions submitted to me:

1. Is a brother who has been admitted as an Ancient Odd Fellow to pay fees for degrees? Answer—No, provided he can prove himself in such degrees.

2. Can a Brother holding withdrawal card or otherwise over 50 years of age be admitted as an honorary member of a Lodge? Answer—No; but Lodges may by their by-laws provide for the admission of members over 50 years, holding withdrawal cards.

3. Can a Lodge continue to work without making by-laws? Answer—Certainly, but in many instances it would be inconvenient.

4. Can an Ancient Odd Fellow who has not or cannot procure a card of clearance, in consequence of the Lodge having ceased to work of which he was a member and the records destroyed, be admitted to membership and how? Yes; but only by initiation.

5. Can a Brother holding a visiting card in force, visit a Lodge while he has not the A. T. P.? Such Brother must have A. T. P. before he can be admitted.

6. Has a D. D. G. M. power to introduce visitors without proper cards in force? Such power is restricted to elected grand officers only.

7. At an election of officers more than one name was written on each ballot. Was such proceedings lawful? Answer—The law requires only one name to be written on each ballot.

8. Is it necessary that the Degree Master should have Past Secretary's degree? Certainly.

Numerous questions relating to practice have been answered, which require no particular record.

I am happy to report great uniformity prevails in the unwritten work, and in all the work, except in matters of accounts in the several Lodges—perhaps it would be well that some complete and concise system should be recommended.

Clause 11.—The members of Prince Arthur Lodge petitioned for leave to change the name of their Lodge to Kingston. I granted this request subject to your approval.

Upon the application of Brother Varey, D, D. G. S., Montreal, I have granted permission to Mount Royal Lodge No. 1, of Quebec, to initiate candidates resident in Ontario, but nearer that Lodge than any in Ontario.

I received valuable aid and assistance in instituting Lodges from Past Grand Masters Partridge, Woodyatt, Bingham and Wigmore, as

well as from Deputy Grand Master J. Gibson, G. Warden J. J. Ramsay, and G. Herald M. Blume.

I would also refer to the despatch and consistency of the Grand Secretary J. B. King in the conduct of the business of his office, and also bring to your notice the increased duties he will be required to perform, owing to the rapidly increasing number of Lodges in this jurisdiction.

I find throughout the whole jurisdiction, a deep individual interest in the welfare of an institution which exhibits itself in the progress before indicated; and while we have exceeded in prosperity our most sanguine expectations, the cloud is only yet as a man's hand in this jurisdiction.

And now, while about to surrender the trust reposed in me by your suffrages a year since, I have many recollections of kindness in the past of all with whom it has been my privilege to act, and ask a like support and consideration for my successor.

WM. N. FORD, Grand Master

The Grand Secretary submitted his Annual report and Financial Statement and Statistical table as follows:—

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Toronto, August 2, 1871.

To the M. W. Grand Master, Officers and Representatives of the R. W Grand Lodge of Ontario.

In obedience to the requirements of my office, I herewith submit my fifth Annual Report of business transacted, together with a table of statistics and the financial statement, showing the amounts received and source, and total amount expended during the year just closed.

1. The duties specially assigned to me at the last session, as well as those devolving upon me in the routine of office, have been attended to.

2. The correspondence of the year, copies of circulars received and issued, &c., are herewith submitted.

3. I purchased from Messrs. Chewett & Co., of Toronto, 25 Blank Charters, as per resolution page 406, Journal 1870, six of which I sold to the Grand Lodge of Vermont.

4. Agreeably to resolution page 422, I converted the stock, bonds, &c., held by this Grand Lodge into cash. The Dominion Stock was bought at 101 prem. and sold at 108½ prem., deducting 1 per cent. for selling; being a net profit of 6½ per cent.

5. I filled up and forwarded charters to the several Lodges instituted last year, as directed on page 405, Journal 1870.

6. I duly notified the Grand Encampment of Ontario that the loan of one hundred dollars made the previous year has been renewed, in compliance with their request.

7. By direction of the M. W. Grand Master, I issued a circular and addressed a copy to each Lodge embracing the circular of the M. W.

Grand Sire, E. D. Farnsworth, relative to the Degree, so called, "The Oriental Order of Humility," which, I believe, has resulted in the suppression of that work.

8. I duly forwarded to the Grand Lodge of the United States, the Annual Report, together with the amount due that body, and 2 copies of the revised Constitution, &c., and 2 copies of the Journal of 1870. My haste to have the Constitution and Journal printed in time to submit to the last session of the Grand Lodge of U. S., will, I trust, excuse any irregularity that may be found in the Journal.

9. I received tenders and had printed 500 copies of Journal, appending the revised Constitution, as adopted at Brockville in 1870, as per resolution of Jas. Smith, P.G.M., page 421, Journal, copies of which I at once sent to each Lodge, to each officer, P. G. officer and Rep. to this Grand Lodge, and to each State Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment.

10. As per resolution of Rep. Cl. T. Campbell, page 421 Jour., I prepared a list of Lodges and officers, with the names of the officers of this Grand Lodge, and sent the same to the Canadian Almanac for publication.

11. As per resolution, page 414 Jour., I sent $40 to Gore Lodge and $88 to Union Lodge, No. 16, St. Catharines. Receipts for same were duly received, but Union Lodge refuses to accept the amount sent, as in full of demand, still holding that the Lodge is entitled to the payment in full of their account.

12. I received a letter from one, Brother Max Boehm, of Montreal, making enquiry as to mode of procedure to have a lodge instituted in that City. I at once forwarded the letter to F. D. Stewart, M. W. Grand Sire, inasmuch as this Grand Lodge has no jurisdiction in the Province of Quebec, I am happy to state that as a result of the enquiry a Lodge has been duly instituted, and is now in good working order, with every prospect of abundant success.

13. I am in receipt of a letter from Bro. J. L. Ridgely, Grand Cor. and Rec. Sec., asking for a complete Journal of the Proceedings of this Grand Lodge from its first session to this date. As there are no copies of the proceedings for 1861 or 1862, I could not comply with the request.

14. The returns of the several Lodges have been duly received, and for the most part very promptly, though I must say that sufficient care has not been exercised in their preparation, which the Committee on returns will undoubtedly notice. In accordance with Clause 10 of Art. 4, Constitution of Subordinates, I have been compelled to record the following fines against the Lodges hereafter named: Excelsior Lodge, No. 44, $4; Unity No. 47, $4, and Victoria, No. 64, $2, being for delay in forwarding their returns, &c. In the case of Excelsior Lodge, Bro. Jno. Smith, D. D. G. M., writes me that the fault lies with him, and not with the Lodge, he holding their returns until he should receive the rest. I would suggest that in this instance the fines be remitted.

15. The account of Queen City of Ontario Lodge, No. 56, is disputed, they refusing to pay for certain supplies sent, on the ground that they were not received. In each case the supplies were mailed at once as a reference to my Daily Journal and Day Book will show.

16. I have received several letters, asking information relative to organizing Degree Lodges; as there is no provision in our constitution for instituting such Lodges, and ascertaining from Bro. J. L. Ridgely that the Legislation on the subject was local, I applied to Bro. J. B. Nicholson, who kindly sent me copies of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and also a copy of Subordinate Degree Lodge Constitution, with a form of the charter issued by that State to Degree Lodges. At my request, Bro. Cl. T. Campbell of London has drafted a series of articles on the subject, which are herewith submitted.

17. There being no definite form laid down in our Constitution for making or submitting appeals, much doubt exists as to the proper course to pursue. I would recommend that extra legislation be had upon this subject at the present session.

18. The account of the Grand Lodge of the U. S. for Representative tax and supplies, amounting to $572.50 is herewith submitted.

19. An account from Messrs. Siddons & Dawson, of London, for printing the address of Bro. T. Partridge G. M., of last year, is also presented.

20. An account of ($76) seventy-six dollars is also presented from Bro. J. W. Orr, publisher of the A. O. F. Thirty-six dollars of this account I can vouch for as correct, as that amount is for 18 copies of the *American Odd Fellow* sent to Lodges during 1869, and as ordered at the Session of 1869. Last year there was no provision made for continuing the subscription, but Bro. Orr, without instructions, continued to send the Magazine. If they have been duly received by the lodges, I would recommend that the account be paid, and further that this Grand Lodge continue to subscribe for one copy of the *American Odd Fellow* to each Lodge in this Jurisdiction, as I fully believe the money so spent, productive of a great amount of good.

21. The *Odd Fellows Companion*, published by M. C. Lilley & Co., of Columbus, Ohio, has been regularly received by this office; it is a magazine replete with useful information, and should be read by every Odd Fellow.

22. I have received a bound volume of the proceedings of R. W. Grand Lodge of Oregon, from its first session in 1856, to its session in 1866—reprinted.

23. In the appointment of Deputy District Grand Masters, I think a reform is very much needed, that office in many cases being a much more important one than is generally supposed. I think the jurisdiction should be divided into districts, appointing some prominent and posted Brother Deputy over several Lodges—requiring said Deputy to visit each Lodge in his District at least once in each Quarter, to carefully note the working of each Lodge, correct any and all irregularities, and at the end of each Term carefully inspect the Returns of the said Lodges before accepting them from the Lodges or installing their Officers; and that each Lodge visited by its D. D. G. M., should pay that Officer's expenses. I believe such a course would eventuate in the work being more uniformly done and be a benefit to every Lodge. In a jurisdiction growing as rapidly as ours is, it is next to impossible for any Grand Master, no matter how much time he may have at his disposal, to visit every Lodge oftener than once annually, and in the case of new Lodges they have to work upon the instructions received

—as they understand them—at the Institution of the Lodges, which in many cases, where there is so much work to do in a single evening, is but very imperfectly understood; thus irregularities creep in, and remain unchecked, may be, until the Representative to this Grand Lodge goes back to his Lodge and corrects them.

24. P. G. Master Jas. Woodyatt, has by consulting with the Hon. Treasurer of Ontario, succeeded in having an Act passed during the last Session of the Legislature of Ontario, it being an amendment to Cap. 71, Con. Statutes of Canada, whereby Lodges in this Jurisdiction can become incorporated. I purchased from the Queen's Printer 50 copies of the Act, as assented to, and sent one copy to each Lodge. Some Lodges have complied with the requirements of the Amended Act, and thus become incorporated. Inasmuch as in the case of a Lodge becoming defunct, it might be necessary to use law to get possession of its effects, in order to fully carry out the requirements of our Constitution, in such cases provided, I would suggest that the Grand Officers be empowered or instructed to have this Grand Lodge incorporated. This course has been adopted, I believe, with a view to carrying out the wishes of this Grand Lodge, as expressed in a resolution adopted in August, 1867, authorizing the Grand Officers to take such steps as may be necessary to have the Order in Ontario incorporated. The effort then put forth failed, and the first favorable opportunity that presented itself was embraced with the above result.

25. I would again suggest the advisability and almost necessity of passing a law to pay our Past Grand Masters mileage and per diem for attendance at our Grand Lodge Sessions. It frequently happens that Past Grand Masters, having received full honors from their respective Lodges are not elected as Representatives to this Grand Lodge, and consequences over which such Past Grand Officers (who have spent very much valuable time in the service of this Grand Lodge and the Order generally) have no control, may prevent their attendance at our Annual Session, and thus the best talent the Jurisdiction possesses becomes shelved, and we loose the benefits we might receive from their counsel and advice, a loss we can ill afford, when so trifling expense would almost ensure their attendance.

26. I find that Art 11, clause 3 of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, has not been observed. I have prepared a book with a view to carrying into effect said Law, which each present member of this Grand Lodge should sign, as well as each new member, upon whom the Grand Lodge Degree shall be conferred.

27. One of the injunctions delivered to Noble Grands upon their installation is, that they require their laws to be frequently read in the Lodge. Were such a course more frequently adopted, I think members would be greatly benefited and many appeals prevented, as thus Lodges would understand their laws and more faithfully execute them.

28. I have prepared and herewith submit a table, showing the rate of mortality, with amount of benefits paid during the past ten years. Such a table may be interesting and useful, as Lodges which pay certain benefits, should know upon what basis they formed their promises.

29. The following appeals have been received by this Grand Lodge, viz.: one from John Richmond, P. G., of Excelsior Lodge No. 44, Hamilton, appealing against the action of Excelsior Lodge in granting sick benefits to Bro. J. W Ferguson, as set forth in the appeal: an appeal

from C. B. Taylor, P. G., of Avon Lodge No. 41, Stratford, now residing in Detroit, appealing against the action of Avon Lodge in charging him quarterly dues during the time he was illegally suspended by that Lodge, as set forth in his appeal. Also an appeal by M. Blume, P. G., of Canada Lodge, No. 49, against the action of Canada Lodge, in electing Bro. Carmichael to the office of Per. Sec. of that Lodge, and further appealing against the ruling of the D. D. G. M., Bro. H. Blain, in the same matter, as set forth in the appeal. An appeal by W. D. Kennedy P. G. , of Covenant Lodge, No. 52, against the action of Covenant Lodge, in reconsidering an unfavorable ballot in the case of Mr. Courans, and further against the ruling of H. Blain, D.D.GM., in said case, as set forth in the appeal. Three appeals by John Smith, D. D. G. M., of Hamilton, against the action of Unity Lodge, No. 47, as set forth in his appeals.

30. I purchased from the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States 50 copies of the revised Digest of Laws just published by that body, all of which I have sold, many to subordinate Lodges, and some to individual members. I have since ordered a further supply of 25 copies but they have not yet come to hand.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS OF THE GRAND SECRETARY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING 31ST JULY, 1871.

Date.		Names of Lodges.	Miscellaneous.	Charter Fee.	Percentage.	Supplies.
			$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.
Aug.	12	Victoria No. 64		30 00		
Sept.	13	Proceeds of 5-20 bonds, sold at 109	189 66			
"	13	Interest to July 1st, 1870	6 00			
"	20	Withdrawn from P. O. Savings Bank	10 00			
"	20	Interest accrued in Savings Bank	10 79			
Oct'r	6	Interest on Dominion Stock	15 00			
Nov'r	7	Proceeds of sale of Dominion Stock at 108¼ premium	537 50			
Dec'r	1	Collingwood Lodge				1 00
"	30	Gore No. 34				3 00
1871.						
Jany.	5	Niagara Falls, ... No. 53			18 11	
"	5	Union, .. " 16			50 48	
"	9	Chatham, .. " 29			41 80	72
"	9	Gore, .. " 34			18 55	
"	10	Howard, .. " 57			15 42	
"	10				16 92	7 60
"	14	Collingwood, ... " 54			16 00	99
"	14	Barrie, .. " 63			19 39	4 85
"	7	Eureka, .. " 30			54 93	
"	7	Forest City, .. " 38			50 37	8 75
"	7	Dominion, ... " 48			37 44	3 00
"	18	Corinthian, .. " 61			26 10	5 40
"	18	Florence Nightingale, " 66		30 00		
"	19	Samaritan, ... " 35			28 33	1 50
"	21	Brock, .. " 9			13 48	8 32
"	21	Kingston, .. " 59			8 20	
"	23	Mt. Zion, .. " 46			4 06	
"	24	Wardsville, .. " 60			6 70	10 00
"	24	Canada, ... " 49			42 42	28 25
"	24	Covenant, .. " 52			70 86	1 00
"	24	Queen City of Ontario, " 56			52 21	46 58
"	25	St. Marys, .. " 36			24 24	20
"	31	Fidelity, .. " 55			16 88	80
Feb'y	1	Huron, .. " 62			16 56	35 44
"	2	Bissell, .. " 51			14 37	6 96
"	3	G.L. of Vermont, 6 charters	10 80			
"	3	Frontier, .. " 45			33 17	
"	4	Otter, ... " 50			23 02	1 98
"	4	Collingwood, .. " 54				1 00
"	4	North Star, ... " 68		30 00		
			779 75	90 00	720 01	177 34

Statement of Receipts—Continued.

Date.		Names of Lodges.		Miscellaneous.	Charter Fee.	Percentage.	Supplies.
				$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.
				779 75	90 00	720 01	177 34
Feb.	18	Avon,	No. 41	.....	.....	24 24	3 25
"	24	Maple Leaf,	" 57	.....	.....	19 92	.....
"	25	Victoria,	" 64	.....	.....	11 10	18 63
Mar.	2	Hope,	" 69	.....	30 00	.....	.....
"	21	Unity,	" 47	.....	.....	31 57	7 57
"	21	Excelsior,	" 44	.....	.....	31 30	.....
"	29	Lucan,	" 70	.....	30 00	.....	.....
April	28	The Toronto,	" 71	.....	30 00	.....	.....
"	28	Four Digests,		.....	.....	.....	10 00
May	9	Two Digests,		.....	.....	.....	5 00
"	10	Fergus,	" 72	.....	30 00	.....	.....
"	16	Eastern Star,	" 73	.....	30 00	.....	.....
June	12	Friendship,	" 65	.....	30 00	.....	.....
"	12	Exeter,	" 67	.....	30 00	.....	.....
"	15	Warriner,	" 75	.....	30 00	.....	.....
"	23	Kingston,	" 59	.....	.....	.....	2 05
"	23	Digest,		.....	.....	.....	2 50
"	26	Digest,		.....	.....	.....	2 50
"	26	Niagara Falls,	" 53	.....	.....	.....	4 15
"	26	Friendship,	" 65	.....	.....	.....	22 30
"	26	Digest,		.....	.....	.....	2 50
July	1	Gore,	" 34	.....	.....	.....	11 80
"	1	Mt. Zion,	" 46	.....	.....	.....	3 32
"	5	Bissell,	" 51	.....	.....	17 98	.....
"	6	St. Thomas,	" 76	.....	30 00	.....	.....
"	6	Chatham,	" 29	.....	.....	36 23	.....
"	7	Howard,	" 58	.....	.....	27 22	12 50
"	7	Avon,	" 41	.....	.....	38 51	7 75
"	8	Gore,	" 34	.....	.....	28 62	.....
"	8	Niagara Falls,	" 53	.....	.....	14 76	4 84
"	8	Collingwood,	" 54	.....	.....	26 94	5 00
"	8	Barrie,	" 63	.....	.....	12 11	.....
"	8	Lucan,	" 70	.....	.....	13 84	22 31
"	10	Exeter,	" 67	.....	.....	10 56	22 31
"	10	North Star,	" 68	.....	.....	7 37	27 87
"	10	Frontier,	" 45	.....	.....	32 46	19 97
"	10	Erie,	" 33	.....	.....	15 12	.....
"	10	Fidelity,	" 55	.....	.....	22 00	3 70
"	13	Canada,	" 49	.....	.....	60 75	14 62
"	13	Covenant,	" 52	.....	.....	71 60	5 50
"	13	Queen City of Ontario,	" 56	.....	.....	49 37	14 50
"	13	The Toronto,	" 71	.....	.....	37 13	41 07
"	13	H. Blain, two Digests,		.....	.....	.....	5 00
"	13	Huron,	" 62	.....	.....	45 85	.....
"	13	Digest,		.....	.....	.....	2 50
"	13	Union,	" 16	.....	.....	47 89	5 00
"	13	Digest,		.....	.....	.....	2 50
"	14	Florence Nightingale,	" 66	.....	.....	39 70	33 21
"	14	Corinthian,	" 61	.....	.....	55 87	.....
				779 75	360 00	1550 02	523 06

Statement of Receipts—Continued.

Date.		Names of Lodges.		Miscellaneous.	Charter Fees.	Percentage.	Supplies.
				$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.
				779 75	360 00	1550 02	523 06
July	14	Eastern Star,	No. 72	.....	.....	15 48	.....
"	14	Mt. Zion,	" 46	.....	.....	13 16	.....
"	15	Warriner,	" 75	.....	.....	.....	20 67
"	15	Brock,	" 9	.....	.....	24 29	4 25
"	15	Kingston,	" 59	.....	.....	18 84	39 80
"	15	Excelsior,	" 44	.....	.....	50 56	.....
"	15	Unity,	" 47	.....	.....	47 72	.....
"	15	Victoria,	" 64	.....	.....	17 18	.....
"	17	Eureka,	" 30	.....	.....	60 35	2 50
"	17	Forest City,	" 38	.....	.....	56 78	5 00
"	17	Dominion,	" 48	.....	.....	38 80	5 50
"	17	Digest,		.....	.....	.....	2 50
"	17	St. Mary's,	" 36	.....	.....	30 93	11 75
"	19	Wardsville,	" 60	.....	.....	9 50	15 58
"	21	Hope,	" 69	.....	.....	5 55	.....
"	21	Samaritan,	" 35	.....	.....	48 12	11 06
"	21	Corinthian,	" 61	.....	.....	.....	35 00
"	24	Fergus,	" 73	.....	.....	12 71	22 45
"	24	Erie,	" 33	.....	.....	.....	3 00
"	24	Otter,	" 50	.....	.....	19 42	.....
"	24	Hope,	" 69	.....	.....	.....	24 87
"	25	Warriner,	" 75	.....	.....	6 96	.....
"	26	Maple Leaf,	" 57	.....	.....	12 60	44 75
"	27	Huron,	" 62	.....	.....	.....	7 85
"	27	Eastern Star,	" 72	.....	.....	.....	23 32
"	28	Bothwell,	" 74	.....	30 00	.....	.....
"	28	Oxford.	" 77	.....	30 00	.....	.....
"	28	Samaritan,	" 35	.....	.....	.....	5 05
				779 75	420 00	2038 97	807 96

STATISTICAL TABLE.

NAME OF LODGE.	Number of Lodge.	P. O. ADDRESS.	Initiated.	Admitted by card.	Reinstated.	Withdrawn by card.	Expelled.	Ceased to be members. N.P.D.	Deaths.	Suspended.	Contributing members.	Members in arrears not suspen'd	Total Membership.
Brock	9	Brockville	18	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	71	32	103
Union	16	St. Catharines	38	1	..	..	..	15	..	1	166	14	181
Chatham	29	Chatham	31	2	5	3	..	2	1	5	115	9	129
Eureka	30	London	46	..	1	2	..	7	5	6	210	12	228
Erie	33	Pt. Burwell	14	1	2	..	..	11	1	1	60	..	61
Gore	34	Brantford	18	..	1	6	..	2	1	3	80	10	93
Samaritan	35	Ingersoll	42	2	1	6	..	9	..	12	102	5	119
St. Mary's	36	St. Mary's	31	3	..	16	..	9	1	..	62	29	91
Forest City	38	London	36	4	2	4	1	15	2	6	193	26	225
Avon	41	Stratford	25	..	3	8	..	3	1	..	111	22	133
Excelsior	44	Hamilton	38	1	..	13	1	..	1	..	110	56	166
Frontier	45	Windsor	14	3	1	3	3	11	1	5	113	10	128
Mount Zion	46	Newbury	9	..	..	7	..	7	..	..	21	12	33
Unity	47	Hamilton	44	3	..	7	..	9	1	..	110	40	150
Dominion	48	London	33	1	..	10	..	1	..	1	108	5	114
Canada	49	Toronto	64	3	1	9	..	..	1	16	161	15	192
Otter	50	Tilsonburg	22	..	..	3	1	..	1	..	52	4	56
Bissell	51	Mitchell	15	..	1	4	..	3	..	2	54	9	65
Covenant	52	Toronto	85	4	..	18	..	..	2	1	156	24	161
Niagara Falls	53	Clifton	18	..	..	1	..	..	..	9	54	..	63
Collingwood	54	Collingwood	17	..	1	18	..	..	..	..	52	..	52
Fidelity	55	Seaforth	24	2	..	1	..	..	..	3	55	..	58
Queen C. of Ont.	56	Toronto	79	1	..	5	..	..	1	..	114	6	120
Maple Leaf	57	Orangeville	18	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	30	20	50
Howard	58	Strathroy	36	4	..	5	..	..	..	..	52	7	59
Kingston	59	Kingston	30	2	..	1	1	..	..	..	41	..	41
Wardsville	60	Wardsville	17	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	27	..	27
Corinthian	61	Oshawa	59	2	..	28	..	2	1	..	67	4	71
Huron	62	Goderich	54	4	..	1	..	..	..	..	70	6	76
Barrie	63	Barrie	38	6	..	1	..	..	..	..	43	..	43
Victoria*	64	Hamilton	18	14	..	..	..	..	..	..	29	3	32
Friendship*	65	Petrolia	59	6	..	2	..	..	..	..	51	12	63
Flo Night'ngale*	66	Bowmanville	34	6	..	1	..	..	..	..	39	..	39
Exeter*	67	Exeter	9	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	15	..	15
North Star*	68	Stayner	9	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	17	..	17
Hope *	69	Harrietsville	6	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	11	..	11
Lucan*	70	Lucan	13	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	20	..	20
The Toronto*	71	Toronto	45	11	..	..	..	..	..	..	56	..	56
Eastern Star*	72	Whitby	15	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	21	..	21
Fergus*	73	Fergus	17	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	23	..	23
Bothwell*	74	Bothwell	9	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	15	..	15
Warriner*	75	Port Perry	12	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	22	..	22
St. Thomas †	76	St. Thomas	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	.....
Oxford†	77	Ingersoll	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	.....
			1259	141	21	184	7	106	21	71	2979	329	3442

* Instituted since last session. † No report due.

STATISTICAL TABLE—(CONTINUED).

NAME OF LODGE.	Number of Lodge.	Past Grands.	Number rejected.	Degrees conferred.	Number of Brothers relieved.	No. widowed families relieved.	Amount paid for relief of Brothers.	Amount paid for relief of widowed families.	Amount paid for educating orphans.	Amount paid for burying the dead.	Total Relief.
							$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.
Brock	9	19	5	63	1	2	60 50	112 00	.....	75 00	247 50
Union	16	31	7	95	..	2	165 00	70 00	.....	.....	235 00
Chatham	29	12	16	111	10	2	108 50	80 00	.....	.....	188 50
Eureka	30	21	11	92	33	16	372 50	280 00	.....	162 00	814 50
Erie	33	10	3	26	8	1	84 00	.....	.....	.....	84 00
Gore	34	19	3	56	7	2	183 07	30 00	67 50	30 00	310 57
Samaritan	35	11	9	121	16	1	183 00	20 25	.....	30 00	233 25
St. Mary's	36	14	2	99	6	...	153 00	.....	.....	54 52	207 52
Forest City	38	14	6	84	35	5	207 00	93 33	.....	135 00	435 33
Avon	41	15	..	113	13	2	119 77	30 00	.....	60 00	209 77
Excelsior	44	8	5	152	1	3	82 30	50 00	.....	100 25	232 55
Frontier	45	10	1	65	16	4	112 00	149 15	39 15	.....	300 30
Mount Zion	46	4	..	32	5	..	22 00	.....	.....	.....	22 00
Unity	47	5	9	129	..	..	128 00	.....	.....	30 00	158 00
Dominion	48	7	4	116	12	...	62 74	.....	.....	45 00	107 74
Canada	49	6	11	134	8	..	236 00	15 38	.....	66 00	317 38
Otter	50	5	...	65	13	2	116 00	30 00	.....	30 00	176 00
Bissell	51	5	..	54	3	..	21 00	.....	.....	15 00	36 00
Covenant	52	6	7	287	3	..	100 00	.....	.....	30 00	130 00
Niagara Falls	53	4	3	32	3	..	22 00	.....	.....	.....	22 00
Collingwood	54	5	2	109	..	..	.....	.....	.....	15 00	15 00
Fidelity	55	3	4	88	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Queen City of Ontario	56	2	3	195	5	..	74 00	.....	.....	31 24	105 24
Maple Leaf	57	3	..	57	..	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Howard	58	2	1	85	1	..	6 00	.....	.....	.....	6 00
Kingston	59	2	3	102	...	..	.....	.....	.....	15 00	15 00
Wardsville	60	2	1	16	2	..	13 50	.....	.....	.....	13 50
Corinthian	61	3	5	222	7	..	48 13	.....	.....	18 75	66 88
Huron	62	2	5	209	1	..	3 00	.....	.....	.....	3 00
Barrie	63	2	4	56	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Victoria*	64	5	4	50	2	..	24 00	.....	.....	.....	24 00
Friendship*	65	..	..	.....	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Florence Nightingale*	66	1	..	137	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Exeter*	67	1	..	26	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
North Star*	68	1	1	11	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hope*	69	...	..	13	...	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lucan*	70	1	1	43	1	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
The Toronto*	71	..	..	47	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Eastern Star*	72	..	...	51	..	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fergus*	73	..	..	18	..	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bothwell*	74	...	...	3	..	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Warriner*	75	1	..	.....	...	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
St. Thomas†	76	...	..	.....	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Oxford†	77	..	...	.....	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		262	136	3376	212	42	2797 01	960 11	106 65	942 76	4716 53

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STATISTICAL TABLE--(CONTINUED).

NAME OF LODGE.	Number of Lodge.	Amount of Widow & Orphans' Fund.	General Fund.	Annual Receipts.	Percentage to Grand Lodge of Ontario.	DATE OF INSTITUTION.
		$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	
Brock	9	1210 22	142 01	543 05	37 77	5 March, 1846
Union	16	8000 00	4000 00	1426 97	98 37	16 " "
Chatham	29	1550 37	1905 69	1109 21	78 13	13 January, 1854
Eureka	30	1812 90	4001 72	1689 98	115 28	2 February, "
Erie	33	587 00	781 28	355 12	36 26	5 October, "
Gore	34	1133 12	1458 50	690 87	47 17	25 December, "
Samaritan	35	776 80	1517 26	1000 73	83 53	20 January, 1856
St. Mary's	36	2000 00	1715 99	784 95	55 17	6 November, "
Forest City	38	2202 81	4422 15	1583 72	107 15	9 February, 1857
Avon	41	1000 00	892 49	905 00	62 75	9 January, 1861
Excelsior	44	449 30	1149 02	1143 50	81 86	9 January, 1863
Frontier	45	96 11	525 55	968 11	65 63	27 January, 1864
Mount Zion	46	117 76	670 83	242 00	17 22	18 January, 1866
Unity	47	314 41	904 69	1106 22	79 29	3 April, 1867
Dominion	48	371 29	1296 91	1085 32	76 33	18 September, "
Canada	49	320 69	1242 54	1434 03	103 17	14 January, 1868
Otter	50	159 21	452 05	590 92	42 44	16 March, "
Bissell	51	93 73	297 33	465 97	32 34	15 October, "
Covenant	52	256 54	1293 63	1928 44	142 46	22 " "
Niagara Falls	53	209 76	336 83	466 82	32 86	20 April, 1869
Collingwood	54	78 88	274 72	602 62	43 93	7 October, "
Fidelity	55	76 00	437 11	539 55	38 88	8 March, 1870
Queen City of Ontario	56	85 38	367 41	1350 10	101 58	10 " "
Maple Leaf	57	74 40	46 23	449 75	32 52	24 " "
Howard	58	53 09	243 06	575 88	42 64	17 " "
Kingston	59	22 75	.....	359 95	27 04	14 April, "
Wardsville	60	21 92	14 10	223 85	16 20	26 " "
Corinthian	61	.....	.....	1105 52	81 97	5 May, "
Huron	62	32 64	379 76	827 81	62 41	31 " "
Barrie	63	19 40	91 80	413 26	32 50	31 July, "
Victoria*	64	18 30	40 18	371 90	31 06	22 August, "
Friendship*	65	20 00	115 50	585 00	45 20	13 January, 1871
Florence Nightingale*	66	14 69	155 55	511 00	39 70	25 " "
Exeter*	67	14 00	.....	152 87	10 56	27 " "
North Star*	68	4 30	7 34	96 52	7 37	3 March, "
Hope*	69	2 10	12 94	71 50	5 55	23 " "
Lucan*	70	11 60	35 65	182 50	13 84	30 " "
The Toronto*	71	15 40	310 85	480 00	37 13	8 May, "
Eastern Star*	72	4 20	.....	197 70	15 48	11 " "
Fergus*	73	.....	.....	160 76	12 71	31 " "
Bothwell*	74	.....	.....	.....	.....	23 June, "
Warriner*	75	.....	.....	87 00	6 96	27 " "
St. Thomas†	76	.....	.....	.....	.....	14 July, "
Oxford†	77	.....	.....	.....	.....	27 " "
		23231 07	31538 67	28865 97	2100 51	

* Instituted since last Session. † No report due.

RECAPITULATION,

MEMBERSHIP.

Number of Lodges	44	
" Initiated	1259	
" Admitted by Card	141	
" Reinstated	21	
		1421
" Withdrawn by Card	184	
" Ceased to be Members, N. P. D.	106	
" Expelled	7	
" Deaths	21	
		318
Net Increase		1103
" Of Members per last report	2392	
Present Actual Membership	3495	
" Of Members in arrears, *Suspended and Not Suspended*	463	
" Contributing, or Members in Good Standing	3032	
Of which number there are of Past Grands	262	
" Of Rejections	136	
" " Degrees Conferred	3376	

RELIEF.

Number of Brothers relieved	212	
" " Widowed families relieved	42	
Amount Paid for relief of Brothers	$2707 01	
" " " Widowed families	960 11	
" " Educating Orphans	106 65	
" " Burying the Dead	942 76	
Total Relief		$4716 53

FINANCE.

Balance in Grand Treasurer's hands, August 6th, 1870	$1810 50	
Interest received to date, August 1st, 1871	31 79	
Realized from Sale of Stock, Bonds, &c	747 96	
Received for Charter Fees	420 00	
" " Supplies	810 46	
" " Percentage	2038 97	
Total		$5859 68
Less expended per Treasurer's Statement		3037 47
Balance on hand		$2822 21

Expended during the year.	
Balance in Grand Treasurer's hands	$2,822 21
Amount of Annual Receipts of Subordinate Lodges	2,798 89
" " General Fund " "	31,538 67
" " Widow and Orphan " "	23,231 07

SUPPLIES ON HAND, AUGUST 2, 1871.

3 Charge Books, at $3	$9 00
3 Degree " " 3	9 00
4 Installation " " 2	8 00
10 Rebekah " " 2	20 00

97 Visiting Cards, " 25c	24 25	
26 Withdrawal " " 25c	6 50	
362 Treasurer's Bonds, 50c. per doz	15 00	
87 P. G. Certificates, 20 cts " "	1 43	
111 Rep. " " " "	1 80	
19 Blank Charters for sale	38 00	
1143 Propositions for Membership	17 25	
984 Reports thereon	14 25	
788 Applications for supplies	9 75	
Stationery	10 00	
Total		$184 23

ASSETS OF THE GRAND LODGE.

Cash in Grand Treasurer's hands	$2822 21
" Due by Subordinate Lodges	172 87
" Loaned to Grand Encampment	100 00
" Supplies on hand	184 23
	3279 31

AMOUNTS DUE BY SUBORDINATE LODGES.

Excelsior Lodge, No. 44	$ 14 00
Unity " " 47	9 50
Wardsville " " 60	12 00
Corinthian " " 61	14 03
Barrie " " 63	30 26
Victoria " " 64	2 10
Friendship " " 65	45 20
Bothwell " " 74	27 57
St. Thomas " " 76	20 66
Cr.	$175 32
Bissell Lodge, No. 51	2 45
	$172 87

Clause 31.—The annual report of the proceedings of the following named State Grand Lodges have been received:—Vermont, Maine, Massachusetts, Oregon, Rhode Island, Kansas, Nevada, Michigan, New York, New Hampshire, Georgia, Colorado, New York, California, West Virginia, Louisiana, Wisconsin, Indiana, Alabama, South Carolina, Kentucky, Nebraska, Arkansas, Minnesota, Lower Provinces of B. N. A. And of the following named Grand Encampments:—Illinois, Ontario, Iowa, Maine, District of Columbia, Wisconsin, Ohio.

Clause 32.—The Constitution and By-laws of the following Lodges are herewith submitted:—Brock, No. 9, Chatham, No. 29, Covenant, No. 52, Niagara Falls, No. 53, Collingwood, No. 54, Maple Leaf, No. 57, Howard, No. 58, Kingston, No. 59, and Florence Nightingale, No. 66.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

S. B. King.
Grand Secy.

The R. W. Grand Lodge adopted the following for the establishment and working of Degree Lodges (provisionally) :

DEGREE LODGES.

Clause 1.—Whenever it may appear to the brethren of any Lodge or Lodges in any district under the jurisdiction of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, that it would be consistent with the interests of the Order to establish a Degree Lodge in such District, it shall be proper for them to authorize ten brothers of the Scarlet Degree to make a written application to this Grand Lodge to that effect.

Clause 2.—Such application shall be signed by the full number of the brethren so authorized, and shall be accompanied by the Charter Fee ($5), by a certificate from the D. D. G. M. that the petitioners are properly qualified, and by a certificate over the seal of the Lodge or Lodges with which they are connected, that they are members in good standing, and that they have been duly authorized by their Lodge or Lodges to apply for such charter.

Clause 3.—On receipt of a formal application for a charter as above required, the Grand Master may issue a warrant for the immediate establishment of a Degree Lodge.

Clause 4.—As soon as the necessary authority shall have been obtained from the Grand Master, the brethren petitioning shall summon all Scarlet Degree members in good standing in their Lodge or Lodges and proceed to the election of officers; after which the D. D. G. M. shall duly institute the Degree Lodge and instal the officers elect, after the manner and form prescribed for the institution and installation in Subordinate Lodges—so far as these forms shall be applicable.

Clause 5.—The elective officers of a Degree Lodge shall consist of a N. G., V. G., Secretary, and, if required, a Treasurer. The N. G., on his installation, shall appoint a W., C., I. G., O. G., R. S. N. G., and L. S. N. G.

Clause 6.—The N. G. must be a P. G. having the three P. O. Degrees. All other officers must be Scarlet Degree members in good standing in a Subordinate Lodge.

Clause 7.—The application of a brother for any degree, with the fee for the same, must be received by the Subordinate Lodge, where he shall be ballotted for by the members of the degree for which he applies. If he be not opposed by more than three brothers present, he shall be deemed eligible, and a certificate to that effect granted him; which certificate, on being presented to the Degree Lodge, shall be its authority for conferring the degree. Immediately upon the conferring of any degree, official information of the fact shall be made by the Secretary of the Degree Lodge to the R. S. of the Subordinate Lodge.

Clause 8.—A Degree Lodge may, with the consent of two thirds of the members of the Subordinate Lodge or Lodges connected with it present and voting at a regular meeting of such Subordinate, charge its members an entrance fee and stated dues. Should no fee be charged, the expenses of the Degree Lodge shall be borne by the Lodge or Lodges from which its members are drawn.

Clause 9.—A Subordinate Lodge may provide by its By-laws for the payment to the Degree Lodge of a part or the whole of the regular charge for the degrees; in which case the Degree Lodge shall pay to this Grand Lodge 8 per cent, of the amount so received.

Clause 10.—The Degree Lodge shall make returns to this Grand Lodge every six months of the degrees conferred during the term past, and of its funds, particularizing the sources from whence such funds have been derived.

Clause 11.—Any Degree Lodge failing to comply with the requirements of Clause 10 of this article shall pay to this G. L. a fine of Two Dollars for every month that may elapse before its semi-annual return shall be placed in the possession of this Grand Lodge.

Clause 12.—Any Degree Lodge failing to make a return for twelve months shall become liable to the forfeiture of its charter, which may be recalled by the G. M. or G. L.; and any Degree Lodge failing to meet for three months shall become extinct, and it shall be the duty of the officers last installed to transmit to this Grand Lodge the charter, books, funds, and other property of said Lodge.

Clause 13.—Degree Lodges shall transact their general business in the White Degree.

Clause 14.—Loss of good standing or suspension of membership in the Subordinate Lodge shall at once and similarly affect the member's standing in the Degree Lodge; a reinstatement in the Subordinate shall work immediate reinstatement in the Degree Lodge.

The Grand Representatives then submitted their report as follows:

REPORT OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:

Your Representatives to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, submit a synopsis of the proceedings of that R. W. Grand Lodge at its Forty-sixth Annual Session.

The Grand Lodge met in the City of Baltimore, on Monday, the 19th of September, 1870, and closed on the following Saturday.

All the officers, four Past Grand Sires and one hundred and seventeen representatives were present; forty Grand Lodges and thirty-one Grand Encampments were represented, only one jurisdiction (Arkansas) was unrepresented.

The session was a very busy one, the whole time of the members being devoted to work.

The reports of the Grand Officers are able and instructive documents, written in so concise a manner that to attempt making extracts from them would do them an injustice, we therefore commend a careful perusal of them by all members, feeling assured that they will well repay the time occupied. They show conclusively that numerically and financially the Order made great progress during the year, and that in moral and social standing, it bids fair to take the foremost place among the institutions of the world.

The decisions of the Grand Sire affecting this branch of the Order confirmed by the Grand Lodge, are as follows, viz:—

A brother renouncing Odd Fellowship, his Lodge cannot regard such renunciation as a resignation of membership. It has no effect whatever upon his membership or standing in the Lodge.

The position of the Warden is in front of the Right Supporter of the Noble Grand.

Final cards are granted only by vote of the Lodge, the vote to be had by ball ballot.

When charges are to be preferred against the Noble Grand of a Lodge, they are properly placed in the hands of the Vice-Grand, to be brought before the Lodge; but there is no reason why any brother may not prefer such charges.

The vote by which a withdrawal card was authorized cannot be reconsidered or rescinded.

Article twenty-four of the by-laws, prescribes the regalia for Past Officers of every description.

A Grand Master when visiting *as such* in his own jurisdiction should wear the regalia and jewels of his office.

The following legislation was had upon reports of committees on the State of the Order:—

A member of a Subordinate Lodge, who is also a Grand Officer, may vote in the lodge at an election of Officers, clothed in his official regalia.

The Noble Grand of a Lodge has no right to put a motion to a Lodge while the Grand Master or Deputy Grand Master is conducting an election therein, or installing the officers.

The official visitations of Fred D. Stewart, R. W. Deputy Grand Sire to Southern jurisdictions, was approved and his work commended.

The Grand Lodge Degree is not a necessary qualification for the office of D. D. Grand Master.

It is not imperative on subordinates to have the duties of Chaplain regularly performed on the opening and closing ceremonies.

On reports of the Legislative Committee the following was adopted viz:—

That the law prohibiting the use of the names and numbers of defunct Lodges from being used by new Lodges be not repealed.

That no Lodge-room within the jurisdiction of the Grand Body shall be used for the conferring of any degrees or secret work not provided for by the existing laws of the Order; and that any officer of Subordinate or other Lodge or Lodges, who may aid or permit such degrees to be conferred in such Lodge-rooms, shall be guilty of a violation of the laws of the Order, provided that this resolution shall not be interpreted so as to affect any such proceedings as may be had in such Lodge-rooms by other secret associations not under the color of Odd-fellowship.

That the honors of the Order be accorded to D. D. Grand Masters when visiting Subordinates officially.

That Grand Lodges may return surrendered charters, unclaimed, for not less than five years, upon the petition of the requisite number; although but one of the petitioners may have been a former member; provided that it must be apparent that due diligence has been had to procure the required number, or no surrendered funds or effects shall be returned with the charter, and that a charter fee be paid.

Several cases of appeal, most of them involving nice points of law and matter of considerable importance to the Order, as well as of much interest to individual members, were carefully dealt with by the Committee on Appeals; and were fully considered and discussed by the Grand Lodge; the great length of the reports, covering, as they do, the whole ground in each case, must be considered sufficient reason for not copying them here; they will be found on pages 4857, 5858, 4871, 4873, 4875, 4876, of the Journal G. L. U. S.

One of the reports showing the necessity for strict compliance with rules of the G. L. we insert as follows: The Committee on Appeals

to whom was referred the appeal of S. G. Rigby from the decision of the Grand Lodge of Lower Provinces of British North America, in the case of Eastern Star Lodge No. 2, *vs* John R, Harris, respectfully report :—

That said appeal fails to comply with nearly all requirements of this Grand Lodge in cases of appeal. It is not printed, but a parcel of loose paper containing the evidence taken by the Trial Committee. (Journal of Grand Lodge of United States, 4339.) therefore your committee offer the following resolution :—

Resolved,—That this Grand Lodge do not entertain said appeal.

A Special Committee reported on the subject of suspension for non-payment of dues and reinstatement, a series of resolutions, the substance of which is as follows :—

1. One year's arrears subjects members to suspension.

2. May be reinstated within one year, upon payment of one year's dues, comfortably to the terms of the local law.

3. After one year, upon payment of the fee charged for initiates of the same age.

4. Applicants for reinstatement and withdrawal card, to join another subordinate in same jurisdiction, within five years from the date of suspension, may be reinstated and granted final cards upon payment of one years' dues and the price of card.

5. After five years from suspension, a member wishing to join another Subordinate in same jurisdiction, shall be *entitled* to receive a dismissal certificate upon payment of one dollar.

6. Any suspended member for non-payment of dues, wishing to unite in another jurisdiction with the Order, shall be *entitled* to receive a dismissal certificate upon payment of one dollar.

7. In all cases when the Subordinate refuses to reinstate, the member applying shall be *entitled* to receive a dismissal certificate upon payment of one dollar.

8. Provision is made for members of extinct subordinates.

9. Authorizing the deposit of dismissal certificate to be provided by Grand corresponding Secretary as supplies, but no right of visitation to attach in virtue of them. Form of dismissal certificate prescribed.

The representatives of Indiana placed upon the journal their protest against the action of the Grand Lodge, in the sixth and seventh resolutions, permitting members in arrears to demand, and compelling Subordinates to grant, certificates of previous membership, with no power to prevent unworthy members obtaining readmission in another jurisdiction on such certificate.

On Digest, the committee recommend and the Grand Lodge adopt, the acceptance of Bro. John H. White's Digest, and authorize him to complete it so as to include the legislation of the session of 1870, the publication of the work to be under his immediate supervision, three thousand copies ordered, bound in a style uniform with the revised Journal, and price of the book to be fixed by the Grand Sire, Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, at a prescribed percentage on cost.

A report was adopted authorizing the Grand Officers to take the proper steps for introducing the order into Barbadoes.

A Special Committee laid on the table an amendment to the Constitution, to authorize payment of mileage and per diem to Past Grand Sires.

A Special Committee of which Representative Harmon, of Cali-

fornia, is Chairman, was appointed to prepare a general revision of the Constitution, and to present such revised work at the next session.

A resolution was adopted authorizing Subordinates to admit as non-beneficial, non-affiliated Odd Fellows who have been in membership for ten consecutive years, and who are over fifty years of age, upon terms to be prescribed by the local law.

A Special Committee reported at length on schools and asylums, commending the subject to the earnest favor of the Grand Bodies, and inviting early attention in the premises.

On the subject of the introduction of the Order into Germany, the Grand Lodge approved the course pursued by the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary, express their high appreciation of the service rendered by the Vice-President of the United States, Baron Gerolt, and the Hon. George Bancroft, Generals Banks and Schurz, and tender thanks to them.

The appointment of John F. Morse, P. G. M., as special Deputy Grand Sire for the Germanic States and Switzerland, was fully endorsed, and a vote of thanks was ordered to Templar Lodge, San Francisco, for the open hearted gift of twelve hundred dollars in aid of the work of establishing the Order ;n Germany.

On the Degree of Rebekah several reports and resolutions were submitted, debated and action taken thereon, the reports will be found on pages 4900, 4901, 4902, 4903, 4823.

A report was adopted recommending that in all cities and towns where Odd Fellows are associated in considerable numbers, efforts should be made to connect with their Lodges, Odd Fellows' Libraries, and setting forth that the object is one of great importance and its encouragement is promotive of the best interests of the Order.

It was resolved, that the representatives be requested to inform their respective jurisdictions that all Lodges subordinate to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, whenever desiring to submit their respective Constitutions, or amendments thereto, to this Grand Body for approval, shall be required first to furnish the Grand Secretary a complete copy of their Constitution, with all amendments thereto, accomapnied with a certificate from the State Grand Lodge or Encampment, or Subordinate Lodge or Encampment, (when such Lodge or Encampment may be under the immediate care or jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States) attested by the Secretary, and the seal of the Grand Body or Subordinate attached.

A resolution was adopted to the effect that no Lodge, Encampment or Degree Lodge, shall hold any meeting for work or business upon Sunday, except for funeral purposes.

A committee of five was appointed to prepare a more suitable funeral service, and report the same at next session.

In secret session a recognition sign was adopted, with unanimous and decided approval.

Several amendments to the Constitution were proposed, and, under the rule, laid over until next session, they propose change of name ; change in the number of votes required to alter the work ; that except on this continent the age at which persons may be admitted to the Order be left to local legislation ; biennial instead of annual meetings, and that the place of meeting shall not be elsewhere than in the City of Baltimore oftener than once in three years.

The Officers of the Grand Lodge for the present term are :—

FRED. D. STUART,	M. W. Grand Sire,	Washington, D. C.
C. A. LOGAN,	R. W. D. Grand Sire,	Leavenworth, Kansas,
J. L. RIDGELY,	R.W.G.,C. and R. Sec'y,	Baltimore, Maryland.
JOSHUA VANSANT,	R. W. Grand Treasurer,	" "
J. W. VENABLE,	R. W. Grand Chaplain,	Versailles, Kentucky.
S. W. CAYCE,	R. W. Grand Marshal,	Mobile, Alabama.
JAMES SMITH,	R. W. Grand Guardian,	London, Ontario.
JNO. E. CHAMBERLAIN,	R. W. Grand Messenger,	Baltimore, Maryland.

The next session of the Grand Lodge will be held in the City of Chicago, on the third Monday of September, 1871.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES WOODYATT,
THOS. PARTRIDGE,

On Motion, the Report was referred to the Committee on Distribution.

The R. W. Grand Treasurer then submitted his report as follows :

REPORT OF THE R. W. GRAND TREASURER.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

The undersigned would respectfully report the Receipts and Disbursements of this Grand Lodge during the past year.

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1870.							
Aug. 5th.,	To amount received from Grand Sec'y and Treas..						$1810 50
"	do	do	from Grand Sec,y King			$ 30 00	
Sept.	do	do	do	do		216 45	
Oct.	do	do	do	do		15 00	
Nov.	do	do	do	do		537 50	
Dec.	do	do	do	do		4 00	
1871.							
Ja .'y.	do	do	do	do		790 85	
Feb'y.	do	do	do	do		250 44	
March	do	do	do	do		130 44	
April	do	do	do	do		40 00	
May	do	do	do	do		65 00	
June	do	do	do	do		126 00	
July	do	do	do	do		1843 50	
	Amount of Receipts for the year,						$4049 18
	Total amount of Receipts, including balance on hand						$5839 68
Aug. 1st,	To Balance on hand,						$2822 21

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1870.			
Aug. 6th,	By paid Grand Officers and Representatives, Mileage and Per Diem, session of 1870, at Brockville	$1745 64	
"	do	T. Partridge, expenses, instituting Sub-Lodges, &c.	85 03
"	do	T. Partridge, incidentals,	50 00
"	do	London Post Office, G. M.'s postage account to 31st July, 1870	8 50
"	do	Grand Secretary King, incidental expenses	9 50
"	do	H. McAfee, W. Mowatt and T. Brown, incidental expenses	30 00
"	do	John Grant, services as Janitor,	6 00

Sept. 1	do	G. L. U. S. account, $331 American Cur'y, at 85c.	287 97
" 20	do	Grand Sec'y King, Sundries, per account	16 34
Oct. 1	do	Brantford Post Office account to 1st Oct.	17 31
Nov. 12,	By paid	Union Lodge, No. 16, expenses incurred in instituting G. L.	88 00
" 19,	do	Stewart & Mathison, printing Journal & Constitution	156 50
"	do	Stewart & Mathison, printing supplies for G. L. ..	26 25
"	do	Copp, Clark & Co., Toronto, 25 Blank Charters ..	15 00
" 24	do	Gore Lodge, No. 34, expenses incurred in instituting G. L.	40 00
1871			
Jany. 1	do	Brantford Post Office account, to 1st Jan., 1871 ..	15 84
" 25	do	John Sutherland, stationery	8 23
Mar. 24	do	Stewart & Mathison, printing	84 60
April 1	do	Brantford Post Office account to 1st April, 1871 ...	10 21
" 21	do	Hunter, Rose & Co., 50 copies of Bill as passed by the Legislature of Ontario	5 00
June 12	do	W. N. Ford, expenses, visiting Subordinate Lodges	60 00
" 15	do	Grand Sec'y King, one year's salary	200 00
July 1	do	Brantford Post Office account to 1st July, 1871 ...	13 08
" 11	do	Stewart & Mathison, printing supplies	16 75
" 21	do	Grand Sec'y King, incidentals as per account ..	41 72
"	do	Balance	2822 21
			$5859 68

A. D. CLEMENT,
Grand Treasurer.

The following was adopted, on motion of Jas. Smith, P.G.M., seconded by Rep. Cl. T. Campbell:—

Resolved,—That the Reports of the Grand Officers be referred to the Committee on Distribution.

The Grand Master appointed the following Committee on Distribution:—Representatives J. Barr, P.G.M., James Smith, P.G.M., and E. Beltz.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned at 2 o'clock, until half-past three.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

TORONTO, AUGUST 2nd, 1871.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled, pursuant to adjournment, at 3:30 o'clock.

Present—All the Grand Officers and a quorum of Representatives.

Rep. Jno. Barr, from the Committee on Distribution, submitted the following report and resolution, which were agreed to:—

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:

We, your Committee on Distribution, submit the following report, viz:—

That such portions of the Grand Master's Report, and numbered by us be referred as follows:—

Nos. 1 and 6, to Committee on Petitions.
To Legislation Committee,. Clauses Nos. 2, 8, 9, 10, 11.
" State of the Order, Nos. 3, 5.
" Laws of Subordinates. No. 4.
" On Petitions, No. 6.
" Special Committee of five, No. 7.

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

To Committee on	Correspondence,	Clause	1.
"	Finance,	"	3, 4. 6, 11, 15, 20.
"	Legislation,	"	5. 16, 17, 23, 25.
"	State of the Order,	"	24.
"	Laws of Subordinates,	"	14.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

To Finance Committee, and that the R. W. Grand Representative's Report be referred to the Committee on State of Order.

Resolved,—That the foregoing Report be adopted.

Yours Fraternally,

JOHN BARR.
EDMOND BELTZ
JAMES SMITH.

Rep. H. W. Murdock, on behalf of the Lodges in the City of Toronto, invited the Officers and members of the Grand Lodge to attend a Moon-light Excursion to take place on the Steamer "City of Toronto," at 9 o'clock this evening.

Rep. H. McAfee, P. G. M., seconded by Rep. J. Hunter, moved the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:—

Resolved,—That the invitation extended by the Toronto Lodges to the R W. G. Lodge, to attend a Moon-light Excursion this Wednesday evening, be most cordially accepted, and that as many members attend the same as can make it convenient to do so.

Rep. J. J. Dyas, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:—

Resolved,—That an Assistant Grand Secretary be appointed for the remainder of this session.

Moved by Rep. M. E. Snider, seconded by Rep. T. Healey, that Rep. Thos Woodyatt be appointed assistant Grand Secretary.

Moved by Rep. James Heron, seconded by Rep. J. Atkins, in amendment, that Rep. M. D. Dawson be appointed Assistant Grand Secretary.

The amendment prevailed.

Rep. M. D. Dawson declined the position, when the question was had upon the motion of Rep. M. E. Snider, which was adopted.

The Chair then named the following Standing Committees:—

On Returns.—Reps. George Powell, Senr., John Dutton and T Simons.

On Finance:—Reps. Richard Box, Robert Kirkpatrick and J. M. Tweedale.

On Appeals.—Reps. Henry Robertson, Robt. Barbour, H. McAfee, Robert Mathison and James Woodyatt, P. G, M.

On Laws of Subordinates.—Reps. J. J. Dyas, Hugh Blain, W. H. Cole, J. F. McDonald and Hugh McColl.

On Printing.—Grand Secretary J. B. King, Reps. Henry Gibson and G. W. Hare.

On Legislation.—Thomas Partridge, P. G. M., S. G. Dolson, P. G. M., and Reps. T. Healey, F. T. Barker and J. S. Garner.

On the State of the Order.—H. C. Bingham, P. G. M., Reps. Thomas Woodyatt, W. F. Roome, Cl. T. Campbell and J. Hunter.

On Mileage and per Diem.—Reps. Richard Fyfe, William Barley and C. S. Male.

On Petitions and Correspondence.—Reps. H. E. Buttery, H. W. Murdock, Alexander McKay and George Turner.

Rep. J. J. Dyas, from the Committee on Laws of Subordinates, submitted the following report, which was agreed to :—

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on "Laws of Subordinates" beg to report, that owing to the great amount of work devolving on the Committee, would reccommend that four additional members be added to Committee.

Fraternally submitted,
J. J. DYAS, JAMES McDONALD,
H. BLAIN, HUGH McCOLL.

The Chair accordingly named the following addition to the Committee on Laws of Subordinates, viz :—James Heron, M. D. Dawson, John Bowen and Robert Evans.

The following appeals were presented and referred to the Committee on Appeals.

By John Richmond, P. G., of Excelsior Lodge, No. 44, against the action of that Lodge, in paying benefits to Bro. J. W. Ferguson.

By C. B. Taylor, P. G., of Avon Lodge, No. 41, against the action of said Lodge, charging him dues during the time he was illegally suspended by said Lodge.

By M. Blume, P. G., of Canada Lodge, No. 49, against the action of said Lodge in electing Bro. Carmichael to the office of Per. Secretary, and against the ruling of H. Blain, D. D. G. M., in the matter.

By John Smith, P. G., of Unity Lodge, No. 47, against the action of that Lodge in appropriating money for refreshments and alcholic drinks as being contrary to the spirit and letter of the law of the Order.

Also by the same :—An appeal against the action of Unity Lodge in entertaining a motion to adjourn.

Also by the same :—An Appeal against the action of the same Lodge in the election of Representative, as not having been held as laid down in Clause 5 of Art 2, Constitution.

By W. D. Kennedy, P. G., of Covenant Lodge, No. 52, against the action of that Lodge in reconsidering an unfavorable ballot, and further against the ruling of H. Blain, D. D. G. M., in said case.

The Chair named the following as a Special Committee to consider and report upon Clause 7 of the Grand Master's report: Rep. H. McAfee, P. G. M., James Woodyatt, P. G. M., S. G. Dolson, P. G. M., Rep. R. Barbour and G. W. Pontine.

H. C. Bingham, P. G. M., from the Committee on the State of the Order, submitted the following report which was agreed to :—

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on the State of the Order find on examination that the work assigned it most properly belongs to the Legislative Committee and beg that it be so referred. We therefore submit the following:

Resolved,—That the above report be adopted.

H. C. BINGHAM, THOS. WOODPATT.
JOHN HUNTER, Cl. T. CAMPBELL,
W. F. ROOME.

At the request of H. C. Bingham, P. G. M., the Chair instructed

the Grand Secretary to read the duties of the several Committees, which was accordingly done.

The roll of Lodges was then called for the presentation of business.

Rep. James Elliott, of Union Lodge, No. 16, submitted the following :—

In the election of Representatives to the Grand Lodge when there are two a tie and *the lowest*, should they both be dropped, or should the N. G. give his casting vote which of the two should be dropped? and 2nd, If the two lowest are a tie and there are only three altogether, should the highest be declared elected or proceed to ballot for him so that he may have a proper majority.

T. Partridge, P. G. M., moved that the questions be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

Rep. J. Heron moved in amendment, That all questions submitted, when presented, be referred to the Committee on Distribution.

Resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on the motion of T. Partridge, P. G. M., it was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. James Smith, P. G. M., at the request of R. Wigmore, P. G. M., submitted the following, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

1st. Has the Outside Guardian any right to leave his place, and come into the Lodge Room and walk around at any time he pleases, and leave the outside door unprotected, without the consent of the Noble Grand.

2nd. Is it correct for him to go in and out of Lodge Room without giving the usual salute to Noble and Vice Grands?

3rd. Has he a right to come into Lodge at his pleasure, and go round the room to any part talking with the brethren and moving resolutions, without the Inside Guardian or some other brother being appointed to take his position while he is in the Lodge Room, he being paid to attend to this Office?

Rep. Henry Gibson, of Avon Lodge, No. 41, submitted the following, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

I wish your opinion as to whether a special grant of fifty dollars can be donated for any purpose, if proper notice has been given and all Brothers notified and a vote of the Lodge taken?

Rep. John Pryke, of Excelsior Lodge, No. 44, submitted the following which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

Is it necessary for all the appointed officers in Excelsior Lodge to have attained the Scarlet Degree?

When a visiting Brother will not comply with the decisions of the Lodge, and will not retire when requested, what steps should the Lodge take to have the N. G. obeyed?

Rep. W. Ferguson, of Frontier Lodge. No. 45, submitted the following, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Is a Brother in good standing entitled to benefits for one week's sickness, say from the 1st of August to the 8th of do., and reported out of care of Lodge at the latter date?

Is it competent for a Grand Officer to announce himself in his official capacity and having received the Grand honors, and afterwards when a question is asked of him for him to state that he is not in his official capacity, but merely paying a friendly visit.

If a candidate for membership be balloted for and rejected, Can the Noble Grand order a fresh ballot, without first the Brothers having cast the black balls request a reconsideration?

Rep. T. A. Tarrant, of Unity Lodge, No. 47, submitted the following, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:

We, the undersigned Representatives of Unity Lodge, No. 47, are instructed by said Unity Lodge to lay the following case before the Grand Lodge for an opinion.

At the regular communication of Unity Lodge, No. 47, held on Wednesday the 12th day of July, 1871, on the minutes of the previous meeting being read, Bro. P. G. John Smith made several objections to them; one of his objections was ordered to be corrected, the others being over-ruled the N. G. declared the minutes confirmed. Bro. P. G. John Smith still objecting, he was called to order by the N. G. Bro. John Smith then stated that he was there as the D. D. G. M. on official business, that the N. G. had no power to call him to order, and gave notice that at the next meeting of the Lodge he would bring in a charge of Insubordination against the Lodge and demand its Charter.

The Lodge has since heard nothing more of the matter, and wish now to know what action they can take to obtain reparation for the indignity offered to the Lodge by the D. D. G. M. Bro. John Smith.

T. A. TARRANT,
ALEX. McKAY,
GEORGE MIDGLEY.

Rep. Wm. Barley, of Bissell Lodge, No. 51. submitted the following, which was answered by the Grand Master—Yes.

Is it necessary to notify all Lodges in the Jurisdiction of suspensions, rejections, or expulsions?

Rep. D. Dreckleton, of Wardsville Lodge, No. 60, submitted the following, which was referred to Committee on Finance:

Are the Working and Degree Books included in the price paid for a charter, viz.: thirty dollars?

Rep. C. Male, of Corinthian Lodge, No 61, submitted the following which was referred to the Committee on State of Order:

Is it right on the election of a Degree Master, for those having no degrees to vote for such officer?

Rep. R. Fyfe, of Florence Nightingale Lodge, No. 66, presented the following, which was referred to the Committee on State of Order:—

Would it be consistent with the rules of our Order, to provide that in the event of a member in good standing withdrawing by card and going to another Lodge, for the Lodge from which he withdraws to provide that the benefits continue for six months after said withdrawal?

Rep. E. Mara, of Lucan Lodge, No. 70, submitted the following, which was referred to Committee on State of Order:—

Are all Charter Members forming a new Lodge expected to pay a fee into the funds of said new Lodge on deposit of card, or only such of them as were old contributing members of other Lodges?

T. Partridge, P. G. M., for the Committee on Legislation, submitted the following Report, which was on motion, adopted:—

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee to whom was referred certain clauses in the Grand Master's Report, numbered as follows, 2, 8, 10 and 11, find that in looking over the Constitution that your Committee have no power or right to take up the question therein referred, and beg most respectfully to report that said clause be referred to the Committee on State of the Order; and also clause 5 in the Grand Secretary's re-

port be referred to the Committee on State of the Order. We therefore submit the following :—

Resolved,—That the foregoing Report be adopted.

THOS. PARTRIDGE,
SAMUEL G. DOLSON,
T. HEALY,
J. S. GARNER,
F. T. BARKER.

On motion of Rep. M. E. Snider, the Grand Lodge adjourned until nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

TORONTO, WEDNESDAY, August 3rd, 1871.

The Grand Lodge met and was called to order and opened in due form. Prayer by the R. W. Grand Chaplain.

Roll called, present—all the Officers and a quorum of Representatives.

The following account was read, and on motion, referred to the Committee on Finance :—

PORT BURWELL, July 27th, 1871.

The R. W. G. Lodge of Ontario I. O. O. F., Dr.,

Erie Lodge No. 33.

To Expenses of Representative Wm. A. Glover to G. L. at Brockville, A. D., 1855, ...	$30 00
To adjourned session to Brantford	10 00
	$40 00

The following communication from the R. W. Grand Encampment of Ontario was read, and, on motion, referred to the Committee on Finance :—

[SEAL.] OFFICE OF THE GRAND SCRIBE OF THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF ONTARIO, I. O. O. F.

ODDFELLOW'S HALL, TORONTO, August 1st, 1871.

J. B. King, Esq., R. W. Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of Ontario.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The Grand Encampment of Ontario being somewhat short of funds to meet their ordinary expenses, most respectfully request that your R. W. Grand Body will not only extend the loan already made to this R. W. Grand Encampment, but would feel very grateful if an additional $100 were placed at our disposal, to enable us to pursue our work of love. Hoping that the request will meet with the approval of your R. W. Grand Body, and that in the course of another year or two we will be able to refund the whole amount.

I remain, Yours Fraternally,

M. D. DAWSON,
Grand Scribe and Treasurer.

A petition from J. B. Trayes, Geo. W. Lambert, James Williams,

E. G. Chant and J. A. McMurtry, for the institution of a Subordinate Lodge at Port Hope, was read, and referred to the Committee on Petitions.

The following communication from the R. W. Grand Encampment was read, together with the document mentioned, both of which were on motion, referred to the Committee on State of the Order:—

[SEAL.] OFFICE OF THE GRAND SCRIBE OF THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF ONTARIO, I. O. O. F.

ODD FELLOW'S HALL, TORONTO, August 1st, 1861.

J. B. King, Esq., Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of Ontario.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.—By resolution passed at the present session of the Grand Encampment of Ontario, I transmit for perusal by your R. W. Grand Body, a communication of grievance received from several Patriarchs of Burlington Encampment No. 7, regretting that the matter complained of was permitted by Excelsior Lodge; but this Grand Encampment having no jurisdiction over Subordinate Lodges, request that your R. W. Grand Body will take the necessary steps to relieve the Patriarchs from the indignity complained of.

Most sincerely and Fraternally yours,

M. D. DAWSON,

Grand Scribe and Treasurer.

The following communication from the Odd Fellow's Provident Association was read, and, on motion, referred to the following Special Committee. Named by the chair, viz:—

Reps. John Anderson, M. D. Dawson, J. S. Garner, J. F. Morey and J. J. Dyas:—

[SEAL] ODD FELLOW'S PROVIDENT ASSOCIATION, OF ONTARIO. HAMILTON, ONT., August 1st, 1871.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:

BRETHREN.—We beg to submit herewith a copy of the Constitution of this Association, for which we respectfully ask your consideration, and, if you can consistently accord it, such recommendation to the members of the Order as you may deem proper. Profiting by the experience gained during the first two years of its existence, we have made such changes in the management as seem called for, and have had it recently incorporated, so as to give it a legal position in the country as well as to afford the best possible guarantee to its members for the safety of their investments. Steps are now being taken to bring it prominently before the members in this jurisdiction, in the character of an incorporated body, having for its sole object the "Good of the Order," wherefore we respectfully ask the friendly recognition and encouragement of your Right Worthy Body for our undertaking

We are, Yours in F. L. and T.,

JOHN BARR, PRESIDENT.
THOS. LAWLESS, SEC'Y-TREAS.

A petition from Bro. Albert Humphrey, asking for a card of clearance from the Grand Lodge. was read and referred to the Committee on Petitions.

Thos. Brown, P. G., Eureka Lodge No. 30, preferred a charge against the M. W. Grand Master, for direliction of duty, as Grand Master: "In not enforcing the decision of this R. W. Grand Lodge in the case of appeal taken by P. G. Thomas Brown, vs. Eureka Lodge No. 30, (at the

session of 1870), said appeal having been sustained by the Grand Lodge declaring, that our late Bro. Alexander McIntyre was entitled to all the privileges and benefits of the Order."

The Grand Master vacated the Chair, which was taken by the Deputy Grand Master.

Moved by Rep. J. S. Garner, seconded by Rep. R. Box.

Resolved,—That the charge preferred by Bro. Thomas Brown against our Grand Master, W. N. Ford Esq., be not recived, inasmuch as the whole matter of which he complains is contained in the Grand Master's Report, and Eureka Lodge has been cited to produce certified copies of all proceedings in the matter and that section of the Grand Master's Report has been already referred to a Special Committee.

Rep. James Smith, P. G. M., seconded by Rep. J. J. Dyas, moved in amendment the following :—

Resolved,—That the communication of Past Representative T. Brown, be laid on the table until after the report of the Special Committee appointed to take into consideration Clause 7 of the Grand Master's Report.

The Chair ruled the motion of Rep. J. S. Garner, and the amendment of Rep. James Smith, both out of order, and under clause 9 of article 2, Constitution, appointed Reps. A. Purves and Louis Dorr, Tellers, prior to proceeding to elect, by ballot, a committee to try the charge so preferred.

The following was resolved in the affirmative :—

On motion of Rep. M. E. Snider, seconded by Rep. J. F. Morey,

Resolved,—That this Grand Lodge proceed to nominate a committee on the charge preferred.

In pursuance of which the following nominations were made: Jas. Woodyatt, P. G. M,, H. C. Bingham, P. G. M., James Smith, P. G, M., H. McAfee, P. G. M., Thomas Partridge, P. G. M., and Representatives J. F. McDonald, William Lewis, Robert Barbour, H. McColl.

The ballot being had the Tellers announced the following committee duly elected :—Past Grand Masters James Woodyatt, H. C. Bingham, Thomas Partridge, Henry McAfee and James Smith.

Rep. John Schneider, from the Committee on Credentials, submitted the following report, which, on motion, was adopted :—

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O, F.:

Your Committee on Credentials beg to report that we have examined the certificate of Bro. Baird, P. G., of Victoria Lodge, No. 64, and find it correct. We therefore recommend that he be instructed in the Grand Lodge Degree. by the Grand Warden, and admitted to a seat in this Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. SCHNEIDER,
JNO. RICHMOND,
J. B. KING.

Rep. John Dutton, from the Committee on Returns, submitted the following report, which was, on motion, laid on the table :—

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F. :

Your Committee on Returns beg to report that they have examimed the Returns

of the several Lodges, and find them correct, with the exception of the following:

Brock Lodge, No. 9, error in percentage, over paid, $3 44.

Erie Lodge, No 33, returns 31st December, error in percentage, overpaid, 77cents.

Erie Lodge, No 33, returns June 30th, error in percentage, due G. L., 68 cents.

Fidelity Lodge, No. 55, returns December 31st, 1870, error in percentage, overpaid, 80 cents.

Fidelity Lodge, No. 55, returns June 30th, error in percentage, due G. L., 9 cents.

Prince Arthur, No. 59, returns December 31st, 1870, error in percentage, overpaid, $2 05

Corinthian Lodge, No. 61, returns 40 as initiated, should be 39, making the present membership 74 instead of 75, as returned

Barrie Lodge, No 63, returns December 31st, 1870, error in percentage, overpaid, $4.85.

Victoria Lodge No. 64, returns December 31st, 1870, error in percentage, overpaid, $2.78.

Exeter Lodge No. 67, returns incorrectly made out, error in percentage, due G. L. $1.12.

Lucan Lodge No 70. error in percentage, overpaid, $7.65.

Warriner Lodge No. 75, no seal on report.

St. Thomas Lodge No. 76, eight initiated, but no names given, no funds returned as received, therefore cannot estimate G. L. percentage—returns altogether incorrect.

Your Committee would wish to impress upon Lodges the importance of making correct returns of invested funds. As we observe many Lodges with large receipts, but no invested funds, your committee hold the impression that accuracy in this particular has not in all cases been attended to; they would also call attention to the careless manner in which many of the returns are made out, and, from blots and erasions in the figures, make it almost an impossibility to decipher them, entailing much additional labor upon your committee.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN DUTTON,
GEORGE POWELL,
T. SIMONS.

The following resolution, made in pursuance of notice given last session, was referred to the Committee on Legislation :—

Moved by Rep. John Richmond, seconded by Rep. John Pryke,

Resolved—That Clause 10 of Article 5, constitution of Subordinates, be expunged.

The report of the Committee on returns was taken from the table and considered.

The Grand Secretary made an explanation concerning the errors reported of in the returns, when

Rep. Thomas Partridge moved, to refer the report back to the committee, with instructions to amend by adding the following, which was agreed to:—

Your Committee find that though the errors named appear in the reports as submitted by the several Lodges, the Grand Secretary has corrected them all, and returned to the Lodges all amounts overpaid.

Rep. J. Dutton, from the Committee on Returns, submitted their report, amended as instructed by the resolution of Rep. Thomas Partridge, which was adopted.

James Woodyatt, P. G. M., from the Committee on Appeals, submitted the following report and resolutions, which were considered and adopted:—

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

C. B. TAYLOR,
vs
AVON LODGE No. 41.

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of C. B. Taylor, P. G., late of Avon Lodge No. 41, against the action of said Avon Lodge.

Respectfully report, that Bro. C. B. Taylor was suspended by Avon Lodge; that at the session of this R. W. Grand Lodge in 1870, Bro. Taylor appealed from the action of the Lodge; that at the same session this Grand Lodge sustained said appeal, declaring that Bro. Taylor had been illegally suspended.

During the time of such suspension, Bro. Taylor, was charged dues on the Lodge Books; Bro Taylor appeals from the action of the Lodge in so charging him with dues.

Section 1761, Digest, declares suspension from membership works no suspension from arrears.

Therefore your committee offer the following:—

Resolved—That the appeal of Bro. C. B. Taylor be dismissed.

JAMES WOODYATT. HENRY ROBERTSON.
HENRY McAFEE ROBERT BARBOUR.
R. MATHISON.

James Woodyatt, P. G. M, from the Special Committee on that subject, presented the following report and resolution, which were adopted:—

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

Your Committee, to whom was referred the charge preferred by Bro. Thomas Brown, P. G., against the M. W. Grand Master, having carefully examined the same, find that the charge is in no wise sustained.

The action of this R. W. Grand Lodge, at its last session, in regard to the matter complained of, was of such a nature as to leave the M. W. Grand Master no opportunity to do other than he has done, viz: leave the disposal of the question at issue to the decision of this Grand Body at this session.

We therefore submit the following:—

Resolved—That the charge against the M. W. Grand Master be dismissed,

JAMES WOODYATT. H. C. BINGHAM.
THOS. PARTRIDGE. HENRY McAFEE.
JAMES SMITH.

The Grand Master, W. N. Ford, at once resumed the Chair.

Rep. Henry McAfee, P. G. M., from the Committee on Appeals, submitted the following report and resolution which were considered:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

JOHN SMITH, P. G.
vs.
UNITY LODGE No. 47

Your Committee on Appeals respectfully report:

That in the matter of the appeal of D. D. G. M. John Smith, P. G., against the action of Unity Lodge, they have given the same their careful consideration, and cannot find that said Lodge has violated any law or usage of the Order, in any of the counts complained of in said appeal

We beg leave, most respectfully, to recommend that said appeal be dismissed

Resolved—That the foregoing be adopted

HENRY McAFEE HENRY ROBERTSON.
JAMES WOODYATT. R. MATHISON.
ROBERT BARBOUR.

Moved by Rep. J. J. Dyas, seconded by Rep. H. Blain,

Resolved—That the report be referred back to the committee, with instructions to report the following: "That no Past Grand can be elected a Representative unless present in Lodge meeting, or has sent an excuse in writing for his absence, and his willingness to accept the position."

Rep. R. Mathison moved the previous question, which, being ordered by the Lodge, was put by the Chair, as follows :—

"Will the Grand Lodge adopt the resolution of Rep. J. J. Dyas ?"

Which was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring, on the adoption of the report, it was adopted.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned at one o'clock, for one hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2 o'clock, P. M., Aug. 3, 1871.

The Grand Lodge called to order, all the Grand Officers and a quorum of Representatives present.

Rep. John Richmond, from the Committee on Credentials, submitted the following supplementary Report, which on motion, was adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F. :

Your Committe on Credentials beg to report that they have received a Past Grand's Certificate in due from Bro. Peter Goodbow, P. G., of St. Mary's Lodge, No. 36, and would recommend that he be instructed in the G. L. Degree and admitted to a seat in your R. W. Body.

Submitted in F. L. & T.

J. B. KING,
JOHN RICHMOND,
JOHN SCHNEIDER.

The Grand Master's account for expenses incurred during the year, amounting to $156.22, was, on motion, referred to the Committee on Finance.

The following petition, by Rep. R. D. Patterson, was, on motion, referred to the Committee on Petitions.

Rep. R. D. Patterson, of Kingston Lodge, No. 59, on the part of that Lodge, asked for a new Charter, to be signed as the present one is signed, and liberty to omit from the names of Charter Members thereon, the name of S. A. Cohen, who has been expelled from the Order.

A circular from Bro. J. Jordon, in reference to an Odd Fellows, Benefit Association, was read, and on motion referred to the special Committee to whom was referred the matters relating to Odd Fellows, Provident Association.

Rep. Richard Box, from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following report, which was, on motion, considered *seriatim*.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F. :

Your Committee on Finance submit the following Report and Resolutions :—

Having examined the books and vouchers of the R. W. Grand Secretary and Treasurer, we have much pleasure in assuring the Grand Lodge that we find them correct in every particular, and in accordance with their reports, to which you have already listened,

With reference to the application of the Grand Encampment, for an additional loan of one hundred dollars, we would advise that the above amount be granted.

With reference to the following:—

1. *Resolved*,—That the amount paid to Union Lodge, eighty-eight dollars, ($88) be considered the full amount of the claim of Union Lodge against this Grand Lodge.

2. *Resolved*,—That in view of Queen City Lodge not having received supplies sent by the Grand Secretary, they be not required to pay for the same.

3. *Resolued*,—That the account of Bro. J. W. Orr, amounting to thirty-six dollars, ($36), be paid, and if the Subordinate Lodges have received the *American Odd Fellow* for last year, would also recommend the subscription for the same to be paid.

4. *Resolved*,—That the account of the Grand Lodge of the United States, amounting to $572.50, be paid.

5. *Resolved*,—That the account of Erie Lodge, No. 33, amounting to $40.00, be paid.

6. *Resolved*,—That the account of the Grand Master, amounting to $156.22, be paid. Also that a special graht of $50 be made to the G. M., on account of extra labor performed.

7. *Resolved*,—That the Grand Secretary's salary for the coming year be $250.00.

8. *Resolved*,—That the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Ontario request their Representatives to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States to urge the importance of reducing the extremely large profits on the printed supplies furnished by the M. W G. Body, to their subordinate jurisdictions.

9. *Resolved*,—That in view of the loss sustained by this Grand Lodge, in the matter of supplies sent by G. S. to Queen City Lodge, No. 56, all supplies hereafter be sent by express.

Fraternally submitted.

RICHARD BOX.
J. M. TWEEDLE,
ROBERT KIRKPATRICK.

Resolutions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8, adopted.

On motion to adopt Resolution No. 9, it was moved by Rep. H. Blain to amend the clause by adding after the word "Express," in the last line, "Or by Registered Letter or by Registered Parcel Post."

The amendment prevailed, and the clause as amended was adopted.

The Report as amended was then adopted.

Rep. Robt. Mathison, from the Committee on Appeals, presented the following report, which was considered and adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:

M. BLUME,
vs.
CANADA LODGE AND BRO. H. BLAIN, D. D. G. M.

Your Committee on Appeals beg leave to report:—

In this case Bro. Blume appeals against the action of Canada Lodge No. 49, in electing Bro. Carmichael to the office of Permanent Secretary, contending that the said Brother, at the time of election, had not served a sufficient time in an inferior office to entitle him to be so elected. Also, against the action of Bro. Blain, D. D. G. M., in deciding irregular the proceedings of Canada Lodge in passing a resolution, making the term of office of P. S. one year, without sufficient notice being given in open Lodge, and declaring nominations so made of no effect.

Your committee are of opinion that the objection to the election of Bro. Carmichael is good and sufficient, as a reference to the Minute Book of Canada Lodge shows that the said Brother did not complete a term in an inferior office, and was, therefore, not entitled to the honors.

Touching the appeal against Bro. Blain's action, By-law No. 62 of said Canada Lodge, states that no motion to repeal, suspend or amend the By-laws, or any

part thereof, shall be put to vote until the same shall have been read in open Lodge at two consecutive regular meetings. Notice of motion was not given, consequently, action on such motion, illegally passed, must of necessity, be irregular. We therefore submit the following:

Resolved,—That the appeal, in so far as it relates to Canada Lodge, be sustained, and that that part of it objecting to decision of Bro. Blain, D. D. G. M. be dismissed.

Submitted in F. L. & T., R. MATHISON, HENRY ROBERTSON, ROBT BARBOUR HENRY McAFEE, JAS. WOODYATT.

Rep. Robt. Barbour, from the same Committee, made the following report, which was adopted.

J. RICHMOND, P. G.,
vs.
EXCELSIOR LODGE No. 44.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

In the matter of appeal of John Richmond, against his own Lodge, Excelsior, No. 44, Hamilton, concerning the payment of benefits to Bro. J. W. Ferguson. Your committee find that from the evidence before them, said Brother having paid his dues after the commencement of his sickness, (being in arrears) was not entitled to benefits.

We therefore respectfully report, that the appeal aforesaid be sustained.

Respectfully submitted.

ROBT. BARBOUR, HENRY ROBERTSON, HENRY McAFEE, JAMES WOODYATT, R. MATHISON.

Rep, H. Robertson, from the same committee, made the following report, which was considered:

W. D. KENNEDY,
vs.
COVENANT LODGE No. 52.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

Your Committee on Appeals beg leave to report as follows:—

In this case Bro Kennedy appeals against the action of Covenant Lodge in rescinding a ballot whereby a candidate was rejected because certain members voted who were disqualified, as being in arrears for dues; and against the ruling of the D. D. G. M., who decided that such ballot was void.

Your committee are of opinion that the objection to the votes of members disqualified should have been taken before the ballot, and not afterwards; that a ballot can only be reconsidered in the manner laid down in the Digest, and that the action of the Lodge complained against, and the ruling of the D. D. G. M., on the same were both erroneous.

They, therefore, submit the following:—

Resolved—That the appeal of Bro. Kennedy be sustained.

HENRY ROBERTSON, JAMES WOODYATT, HENRY McAFEE, ROBERT BARBOUR, R. MATHISON.

Moved by Rep. H. Blain, in amendment, seconded by Rep. J. J. Dyas, that the appeal be dismissed.

Rep. John Pryke moved the previous question, which, being ordered by the Lodge, was put by the Chair as follows:—

"Shall the amendment of Representative H. Blain be adopted?"

Which was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on the adoption of the report, it was adopted.

Rep. Hu Blain asked permission to appeal to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, against the action of the Grand Lodge.

On motion of Rep. J. Richmond, seconded by Rep. Thomas Woodyatt, the request of Rep. H. Blain was granted.

Rep. Hugh Blain, on behalf of Toronto Encampment No. 8, invited the Grand Lodge to attend a Grand Concert to be given at the Horticultural Gardens, in their honor, this evening.

James Smith, P. G. M., Seconded by Rep. George W. Hare, moved the following:—

Resolved,—That the invitation of Toronto Encampment be accepted with thanks.

Moved by Rep. R. Mathison, seconded by Representative ———, in amendment:

That all after the word "Resolved" be struck out, and the following inserted: That so many of the members of the Grand Lodge as do not desire to attend an evening session, attend the Concert.

Resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on motion of Rep. James Smith. P. G. M., it was resolved in the affirmative.

The hour of four o'clock being fixed by the Constitution for the election of officers, that business was proceeded with.

The Chair named Rep. James Smith, P. G. M., and J. M. Tweedale Tellers.

The following nominations were made:—

GRAND MASTER.

P. G.	W. F. Roome,	nominated	H. C. Bingham, P. G. M.
"	Robert Taylor,	"	John Gibson, D. G. M.
"	John Barr,	"	T. Healy, P. D. G. M.
"	J. F. Eby,	"	P.G. Henry Robertson.
"	T. Healy, declined.		

After the first ballot had been declared closed, and previous to counting the ballot, it was ascertained that one Rep. had, by mistake, voted twice.

On motion of Rep. Thomas Woodyatt, the following was agreed to:

Resolved,—That the ballot be destroyed and a new ballot taken.

D. G. M, John Gibson, Teller, having announced the result, was declared elected on first ballot.

DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

P. G.	H. Gibson,	nominated	P. G. Hugh Blain.
"	R. Mathison,	"	" Henry Robertson.
"	W. R. Roberts,	"	" J. J. Ramsay.
"	Lewis Dorr,	"	" John Murray.
"	James Smith,	"	" E. Beltz.
"	C. E. Peirce,	"	" Robert Evans.
"	J. M. Tweedale,	"	" J. F. McDonald.
"	Cl. T. Campbell,	"	" Robert Kirkpatrick.
"	J. Smith,	"	" John Hunter.
"	D. Freckleton,	"	" W. F. Roome.
"	J. F. Morey,	"	" J. B. King.

P. G's. E. Beltz, Robert Evans, J. F. McDonald, Robert Kirkpatrick W. F. Roome, and J. B. King, declined.

P. G. John Murray elected on third ballot, and so declared.

GRAND WARDEN.

P. G. J. F. Morey, nominated P. G. J. F. McDonald.
" James Smith, " " John Hunter.
" H. Blain, " " J. J. Dyas.
" T. A. Tarrant, " " John Richmond.
" J. B. Howe, " " H. Blain.
" R. Mathison, " " M. E. Snider,
" C. E. Peirce, " " Robert Evans.
" J. S. Garner, " " James Henry.
" J. F. McDonald declined.

P. Gs. Robert Evans and J. J, Dyas, withdrew after first ballot.

P. G. John Hunter, elected on fifth ballot, and so declared.

GRAND SECRETARY.

H. McAfee, P. G. M., nominated J. B. King, for R. W. Grand Secretary.

Declared re-elected by acclamaaion.

GRAND TREASURER.

James Smith, P. G. M., nominated A. D. Clement, for R. W. Grand Treasurer.

Declared re-elected by acclamation.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVE.

P. G., J. J. Dyas, nominated James Woodyatt, P. G. M.
" W. M. Seaton " W. N. Ford, "
" H. McAfee, " J. Barr, "
" John Hunter, " H. C. Bingham, "

H. C. Bingham, P. G. M., declined.

James Woodyatt, P. G. M., re-elected on first ballot.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned to meet at nine o'clock a. m., to-morrow.

THIRD DAY'S PRECEEDINGS.

August 4th, 1871.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Grand Lodge met at 9 o'clock a. m. Roll called. Present:—

W. N. FORD, ... M. W. GRAND MASTER.
JOHN GIBSON, ... R. W. DEPUTY GRAND MASTER
J. J. RAMSAY, ... R. W. GRAND WARDEN.
J. B. KING, ... R. W. GRAND SECRETARY.
A. D. CLEMENT, ... R. W. GRAND TREASURER.
JAMES WOODYATT, ... R. W. GRAND REP. TO G.L.U.S.
T. PARTRIDGE, ... Do Do.
THOMAS REID, ... R. W. GRAND MARSHAL.
J. F. McDONALD, ... R. W. GRAND GUARDIAN.
A. McPHAIL ..... R. W. GRAND CONDUCTOR.
H. C. BINGHAM, ... R. W. GRAND CHAPLAIN.
M. BLUME, ... R. W. GRAND HERALD.

And a quorum of Representatives.

Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The minutes of the previous sitting were read and confirmed.

Rep. R. Box, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:

We, your Committee on Finance, beg to offer the following Supplementary Report:—

Resolved,—That the Grand Secretary's account, amounting to $16 22, be paid.

Resolved,—That the account of Siddons & Dawson, amounting to $5.00 be paid.

RICHARD BOX,
J. M. TWEEDALE,
ROBERT KIRKPATRICK

H, C. Bingham, P. G. M., from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was considered *seriatim*, as read:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

Your Committee on the State of Order, offer as their report the following resolutions:—

1 RESOLVED,—That the consideration of clause 8 and 11, G. M's. Address, properly belong to the Committee on Petitions, and that they be so referred.

2 RESOLVED,—That G. M.'s decision No. 1 be approved.

3 RESOLVED,—That G. M.'s decision No. 2 be approved.

4 RESOLVED,—That G. M.'s decision No. 3 be approved.

5 RESOLVED,—That G. M.'s decision No. 4 be amended so as to read: "Yes, either by initiation or by obtaining a Card from the Grand Jurisdiction to which he belongs."

6 RESOLVED,—That G. M.'s decision No·5 be approved, when he has the term P. W., except in his own jurisdiction.

7 RESOLVED,—That G. M 's decision No. 6 be approved.

8 RESOLVED,—That G. M.'s decision No. 7 be approved

9 RESOLVED,—That G. M.'s decision No. 8 be approved.

In the election of Representatives to the Grand Lodge when there are two a tie and the lowest, should they both be dropped. or should the N. G give his casting vote which of the two should be dropped? and 2nd, If the two lowest are a tie and there are only three altogether, should the highest be declared elected or proceed to ballot for him so that he may have the proper majority.

10 RESOLVED,—That question by Rep. Elliott be answered as follows: "In the case of a tie between the two or more lowest on a ballot, three or more running, a ballot should be taken to decide which of those trying shall drop out; in no case should the N. G. give a casting ballot."

I wish to ask your opinion as to whether a special grant of fifty dollars can be donated for any purpose, if proper notice has been given and all Brothers notified and a vote of the Lodge taken?

11 RESOLVED,—That question by Rep. H. Gibson be answered, "Yes."

Is it necessary for all the appointed officers in Excelsior Lodge to have attained the Scarlet Degree.

12 RESOLVED,—That question by Excelsior Lodge, be answered: "No, unless the By-laws require it."

When a Visiting Brother will not comply with the decisions of the Lodge, and will not retire when requested, what steps should the Lodge take to have the N. G. obeyed?

13 RESOLVED,—That question by Excelsior Lodge be answered, "Prefer a charge against the offender."

Is it competent for a Grand Officer to announce himself in his official capacity and having received the grand honors, and afterwards when a question is asked of him for him to state that he is not in his official capacity, but merely paying a friendly visit?

14 *Resolved,*—That question by Frontier Lodge be answered: "Competent, but not consistent."

If a candidate for membership be balloted for and rejected, can the Noble Grand order a fresh ballot, without first the Brothers having cast the black balls request a reconsideration?

15 *Resolved*,—That question by Frontier Lodge be answered, "No."

Is a Brother in good standing entitled to benefits for one week's sickness, say from the 1st of August to the 8th of do., and reported out of care of Lodge at the latter date.

16 *Resolved*,—That question by Frontier Lodge be answered, "Yes," unless By-Laws say he shall not receive benefits for first week's sickness.

At the regular communication of Unity Lodge, No. 47, held on Wednesday, the 12th day of July, 1871, on the minutes of the previous meeting being read, Bro P. G. John Smith made several objections to them; one of his objections was ordered to be corrected, the others being over-ruled the N. G. declared the minutes confirmed· Bro. P G. John Smith still objecting, he was called to order by the N. G. . Bro P. G; John Smith then stated that he was there as D. D. G. M. on official business, that the N. G. had no power to call him to order, and gave notice that at the next meeting of the Lodge he would bring in a charge of Insubordination against the Lodge and demand its Charter.

The Lodge has since heard nothing more of the matter, and now wish to know what action they can take to obtain reparation for the indignity offered to the Lodge by the D. D. G. M. Bro. John Smith.

17 *Resolved*,—That question by Unity Lodge be answered as follows: "Try him for insubordination"

Is it right on the election of a Degree Master, for those having no degrees to vote for such officer.

18 *Resolved*,—That question by Corinthian Lodge be answered: "Yes, where a Subordinate Lodge confers its own degrees.

Would it be consistent with the rules of our Order, to provide that in the event of a member in good standing withdrawing by card and going to another Lodge, for the Lodge from which he withdraws to provide that the benefits continue for six months after said withdrawal?

19 *Resolved*,—That question by Florence Nightingale Lodge be answered as follows: "May be done as a special grant, but not consistent or advisable as a rule."

Are all Charter Members forming a new Lodge expected to pay a fee into the funds of said new Lodge on deposit of Card, or only such of them as were old contributing members of other Lodges?

20 *Resolved*—That question by Rep. Mara, Lucan Lodge, be answered as on page 409, Journal of 1870: "All charter members will pay the regular fee for deposit of Card, in accordance with the By-laws of new Lodge."

1st. Has the Outside Guardian any right to leave his place, and come into the Lodge Room and walk around at any time he pleases, and leave the outside door unprotected, without the consent of the Noble Grand?

2nd. Is it correct for him to go in and out of Lodge Room without giving the usual salute to Noble and Vice Grands?

3rd. Has he a right to come into Lodge at his pleasure, and go round the room to any part talking with the brethren and moving resolutions, without the Inside Guardian or some other brother being appointed to take his position while he is in the Lodge Room, he being paid to attend to this Office?

21 *Resolved*,—That the three questions submitted by James Smith, P. G. M. come more properly within the Province of the Subordinate Lodge and the N. G. thereof.

In the case referred to this Grand Lodge by the R. W. Grand Encampment, your Committee are of the opinion that the entire matter is based on two questions, viz, "Can a possessor of Encampment Degrees wear regalia of such degrees in a Subordinate Lodge?" and, should a brother obey the decisions of the Lodge he is visiting?" We therefore submit the following resolutions:

21. *Resolved*,—That Encampment Regalia may be worn in a Subordinate Lodge by a visitor, but not by a member of the Lodge.

23. *Resolved*,—That the decisions of a Lodge during its session, should be obeyed by visitors as well as members.

24. *Resoled*,—If a brother has cause of complaint against a Lodge, or officer

of a Lodge, or a private member, either for improper legislation or improper language, he should bring his complaint in the form and manner required by law.

H. C. BINGHAM. Cl. T. CAMPBELL.
THOS WOODYATT. JOHN HUNTER.
W. F. ROOME.

Resolutions to 12 inclusive, were adopted.

On motion to adopt Resolution 14, Rep. J. Richmond moved to amend by striking out the words, "not consistent," which was resolved in the negative, and the resolution was adopted.

On motion to adopt Resolution 16 of the Report, H. C. Bingham, P. G. M., moved in amendment the following which was resolved in the affirmative.

Resolved,—"That question No. 8 by Frontier Lodge No. 45, and all matters relating thereto, be expunged from the minutes."

The rest of the report was adopted, and the report as amended was adopted.

Rep. H. E. Buttery,, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was considered and adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:

We, your Committee on Petitions, etc., beg leave to report, that we have examined the papers placed in our hands, and find them to be correct, and recommend that the dispensations granted, authorizing the organization of the following Lodges be confirmed, and that the several Charters be issued to the said Lodges as follows:—

Victoria	Lodge	No.	64, at Hamilton.
Friendship	"	"	65, at Petrolia.
Florence Nightingale	"	"	66, at Bowmanville.
Exeter	"	"	67, at Exeter.
North Star	"	"	68, at Stayner.
Hope	"	"	69, at Harrietsville.
Lucan	"	"	70, at Lucan.
The Toronto	"	"	71, at Toronto.
Eastern Star	"	"	72, at Whitby.
Fergus	"	"	73, at Fergus.
Bothwell	"	"	74, at Bothwell.
Warriner	"	"	75, at Port Perry.
St. Thomas	"	"	76, at St. Thomas.
Oxford	"	"	77, at Ingersoll.

With reference to the communication of Brothers holding Withdrawal Cards from Florence Nightingale Lodge No. 66, asking for a dispensation to organize a Lodge at Port Hope, we beg leave to recommend that the petition be granted.

We have received communications from Lodges at London and Toronto, asking the proper mode of applying for Charters for Degree Lodges.

We can find no procedure laid down for this purpose.

Resolved,—That the communications be referred to the Committee on Legislation, desiring them to take some action in the matter to supply the want.

With reference to the communication from Bro. Jno. McMath, of Erie Lodge No. 33, asking for a Committee of Investigation in the matter of appeal between him and Erie Lodge, settled at the meeting of this Grand Lodge in 1869.

Resolved,—That the request be not granted; the said request being informal.

With reference to the communication from Florence Nightingale Lodge No. 66, asking if it be legal to rent their hall to a Lodge of the Orange Institution.

Resolved,—That the question be answered in the affirmative.

With reference to the communication of Bro. A. Humphery, asking for a Clearance Card from the Grand Body, to enable him to join Wardsville Lodge, his own Lodge having ceased to exist.

Resolved.—That said communication be referred to the Grand Master, (incoming) advising him to ascertain carefully that the books, etc., of the said defunct Lodge are in the hands of this Grand Body, before granting the same.

A communication from Representative Patterson, of Kingston Lodge No. 59, asking for a new Charter, for the purpose of erasing the name of an expelled charter member.

That this Grand Body has not power to grant the request on the grounds advanced, and therefore offer the following:—

Resolved,—That the request be not granted.

In conclusion, your committee feel that it must be gratifying to this R. W. Grand Body to note the increase of our numbers during the past year, there being no less than fourteen new Lodges organized during that time.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. E. BUTTERY, J. A. TARRANT,
A.McKAY, H. W. MURDOCK,
GEO. TURNER

Rep. H. E. Buttery, from the Committee on Petitions and Correspondence, made the following Report, which was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:

In regard to the petition of Prince Arthur Lodge for leave to change their name.

Resolved,—That the action of the M. W. G. M. be approved.

In reference to the petition of Bro. Varey, D. D. G. S., of Montreal, asking permission to Mount Royal Lodge No. 1, of Montreal, to initiate candidates resident of Ontario, but nearer to the said Lodge than any in Ontario,

Resolved,—That the action of the M. W. G. M., in granting the petition be confirmed.

Respectfully submitted.

H. E. BUTTERY.
T. A. TARRANT.
ALEX. McKAY.
H. W. MURDOCK.

James Woodyatt, P, G. M., from the special committee on that subject, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O F.:

THOMAS BROWN, P. G.,
vs.
EUREKA LODGE No. 30.

Your committee, to whom was referred the following appeal, beg to report:

That we have had the question at issue before us, and the evidence produced is such as to show conclusively to your committee that Bro. McIntyre was not a member of Eureka Lodge, from the fact that the N. G. had declared said Brother to have forfeited his membership, for nonpayment of dues, at a regular meeting of the Lodge, and ordered that his name be entered on the Black Book, which was done, and there is no evidence to show that any action was ever taken by the Lodge to reinstate him, except, so far only as the Per Secretary appears to have continued his account and received his money, which your committee consider was not sufficient for reinstating this Brother, as that could not be done without the consent of the Lodge at a regular meeting. With these facts before your committee, we consider that there is no further action in the matter necessary by the Grand Lodge, than to report that Eureka Lodge No. 30, is fully justified in witholding benefits from the widow of the late Bro. McIntyre.

We submit the following;

Resolved,—That the above report be adopted.

JAMES WOODYATT, HENRY McAFEE.
SAMUEL G. DOLSON, G. W. PONTINE.
WILLIAM BARLEY.

Thomas Brown, Past Grand, asked permission to appeal to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, which was, on motion, granted.

Rep. Cl. T. Campbell submitted the following, which stands as a notice of motion to amend the Constitution:

WHEREAS, it is advisable to carry out, as far as possible, the principle of allowing Subordinate Lodges free control of the expenditure of their funds, for those charitable purposes contemplated by our Order, therefore be it

Resolved,—1st. That Clauses 6 to 10 inclusive, Article V., Constitution Subordinates, be repealed, and the following inserted in their stead:

"Clause 6.—Every member qualified as required by the By-laws, if rendered incapable of following his usual occupation by any sickness or disability, not occasioned by immoral conduct on his part, shall be entitled to receive from the general fund of this Lodge, such weekly sick benefit as may be fixed by the By-laws."

"Clause 7.—The Lodge shall, by its By-laws, make such provision as it may deem fit for the payment out of its general fund of benefits, to defray the funeral expenses of a Brother or Brother's wife, and for the relief of Brothers in distress or other deserving persons, and also for the payment from its W. and O. fund of benefits, for the relief of widows and orphans of deceased Brothers."

That all after the word "quarter." in Clause 4, Article V., Constitution Subordinates, be struck out, and the following inserted:

"This Lodge shall place such portion of its general funds to the credit of the W. and O. fund, as it may see fit, provided it be not less than one-fifth nor more than one-third, the remainder to be placed to the credit of the general benefit fund."

That Clause 1, Article VIII., Constitution of Grand Lodge, he repealed and the following inserted:

'This Grand Lodge shall be entitled to receive from each Subordinate, the sum of fifty cents a year, payable half-yearly, for each unsuspended member on its books, as shown by its semi-annual returns."

That all after the words "Grand Lodge," in Clause 9, Article IV., Constitution Subordinates, be stricken out, and the following inserted:

"The same being twenty-five cents for each unsuspended member on said return."

Rep, J. Richmond, from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report, which was agreed to:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Credentials beg to report that they have received a Past Grand's certificate from Bro. Alex. Falconer, of St. Mary's Lodge No. 36, and find the same correct. We would therefore recommend that he be instructed, and admitted to a seat in this R. W. Grand Lodge.

Submitted in F. L. & T. JOHN RICHMOND, J. B. KING, J. SCHNEIDER.

Rep. H. Blain submitted the following, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Are the By-laws of a Lodge binding on visiting brothers? For example, if the By-laws of one Lodge prohibit smoking in the reception room and the By-laws of another permit members to do so, would members of the Lodge granting such permission be bound to comply with the By-laws of the Lodge prohibiting smoking in the reception room while in session?

Rep. Henry Gibson submitted the following, which was referred to the same Committee:

Is it necessary that a brother holding a card of clearance from the Lodge of which he was previously a member, to be a resident of the place for six months before he can be admitted to said Lodge?

Rep. Alex. McKay submitted the following, which was referred to the same Committee:

On a ballot being taken, and before the result is declared, can the ballot be declared null, on a member who has put in a black ball rising and saying that he put one in by mistake?

Rep. J. M. Tweedale, seconded by Rep. John Schneider, moved the following resolution:

That a Special Committee consisting of five be appointed for the purpose of dividing the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Ontario into Districts, the better to facilitate the work of said jurisdiction.

James Woodyatt, P. G. M., moved to amend by adding at the end of the resolution the words "said Committee to report at the next meeting of this Grand Lodge."

Moved by H. C. Bingham, P. G. M., seconded by Rep. W. F. Roome, that the resolution of Rep. Tweedale be laid on the table for one year.

Which was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on the amendment by James Woodyatt, P. G. M., it was agreed to.

The resolution as amended was then agreed to.

The following resolution moved by J. Woodyatt, P. G. M., seconded by Rep. G. Powell, Sr., was agreed to:

Resolved,—That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due and are hereby tendered to Rep. R. Mathison for making up and procuring publication in the daily newspapers of so full and accurate reports of the proceedings of this R. W. Grand Body.

The following was agreed to on motion of Rep. R. Mathison, seconded by Rep. John Hunter, and

Resolved,—That the thanks of this Right Worthy Grand Lodge are due to the Grand Trunk and Great Western Railway Companies, for courtesies extended to the members attending this Session, and that the Right Worthy Grand Secretary be instructed to tender the same to the Managers thereof.

The following resolution moved by Rep. T. Renwick, seconded by Rep. T. Woodyatt, was agreed to:

Resolved,—That the sum of eight dollars be paid to Bro. Byron for services as Janitor to the Grand Lodge for the present session.

The following resolution was agreed to on motion of Jas. Woodyatt, P. G. M., seconded by Rep. Cl. T. Campbell:

Resolved,—That the Grand Secretary be instructed to convey the thanks of this Grand Lodge to the Subordinate Lodges and Encampment in Toronto for the handsome manner in which the members of this Grand Lodge have been entertained while in the city, and for the use of their commodious hall.

Rep. J. S. Garner, from the Committee on that subject, made the following report, which was considered:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

Your Committee beg leave to report, they have carefully read the Constitution and By-laws of the Provident Association, also the resolutions submitted by Maple Leaf Lodge No. 57, on the same subject. Having had a conference with the Directors of the said Association, and having received the fullest information as to the character and standing of the said Association, feel that the best thanks of the R. W. Grand Lodge are due to the Directors and friends of the Provident Association for their work of faithfulness in this important matter. Your Committee cordially recommend this Association to the confidence of the Brethren of Ontario, with the following changes, which have been agreed to by the Directors of the said Association, which are as follows:

That this R. W. Grand Lodge shall appoint three Directors to have all the rights and privileges as regularly elected members of the said Board, and that the Grand Master shall, each year after his election, appoint said Directors.

That the said Association shall present the annual audited report of the said Association at the annual meeting of this R. W. G. L.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN ANDERSON, JAMES F. MOREY,
J. S. GARNER, M. D. DAWSON,
J. J. DYAS.

On a motion to adopt the report,

H. C. Bingham, P. G. M., moved the previous question, which, being ordered by the Lodge, was put by the Chair as follows:

"Will the Grand Lodge adopt the report of the committee?"

Resolved in the negative.

Rep. T. Partridge, P. G. M., from the Committee on Legislation, made the following report, which was considered, *seriatim*.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Legislation would report as follows:—

1. We heartily concur in the recommendation of the latter part of Clause 9, Grand Master's report, and Clause 23, Grand Secretary's report, as far as practicable.

2. In reference to Clause 16, Grand Secretary's report, we would recommend that a Special Committee be appointed by the R. W. Grand Lodge, with instructions to prepare a Constitution and By-laws for the formation and government of Degree Lodges, and would recommend the adoption (provisionally) by this R. W. Grand Lodge, of the Constitution, etc., presented by Representative Cl. T. Campbell, of London.

3. In the matter of Clause 17, Grand Secretary's report, would recommend that this R. W. Grand Lodge appoint a Special Committee to prepate a mode of procedure for the guidance thereof, and report at next session of Grand Lodge.

4. Your committee concur in the recommendation of Clause 25, Grand Secretary's report, and recommend that mileage and per diem be allowed to Past Grand Masters, the same as to Grand Officers, including this session

5. In regard to the motion of Representative Richmond, moved in accordance, with a notice of motion given at the last session of this R. W. Grand Lodge, submit the following:—

Resolved,—That all after the words "see fit," in Article V, Clause 10, of Constitution of Subordinate Lodges, be, and the same is hereby expunged.

6. Your committee heartily concur in the recommendation of Clause 3, Grand Master's report, and Clause 24, Grand Secretary's report, and recommend the adoption of the same by this R. W. Grand Body.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOMAS PARTRIDGE, T. HEALEY,
J. S. GARNER, F. T. BARKER.

Clauses 1, 2 and 3 were adopted.

On motion to adopt Clause 4, it was not agreed to.

On motion to adopt clause 5

Rep. John Richmond, seconded by Representative H. Blain, moved to amend as follows, which was resolved in the negative.

Resolved,—That the report of the committee be amended by striking out Clause 10 of Article V, Constitution of Subordinates.

The chair ruled clause 5 of the Committee's Report out of order, it not being in accordance with the notice of motion given by Rep. J. Richmond.

Rep. T. Partridge appealed to the Grand Lodge against the ruling of the chair.

The chair was sustained.

Clause 6 adopted.

The report as amended was adopted.

Rep. J. J. Dyas, from the Committee on the Laws of Subordinates made the following Report, which was considered and adopted :—

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee beg to report that in regard to Clause 4 of Grand Master's Report, there is nothing particular to note.

In regard to clause 14 of Grand Secretary's Report, we are of opinion that it should be referred to the Finance Committee.

Resolved,—That this Report be adopted.

J. J. DYAS. JAS. F. McDONALD. HUGH McCOLL.
ROBERT EVANS. H. BLAIN.

Rep. H. Blain submitted the following, which was referred to the Committee on State of the Order :—

Are the Past Official Degrees a necessary qualification for the officers of the Grand Lodge, or for the office of D. D., G. M?

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned at one o'clock until half-past two.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

FRIDAY, August 4th, 1871.

The Grand Lodge assembled at half-past two, pursuant to adjournment. Present: All the Grand Officers and a quorum of Representatives.

Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The minutes of last sitting read and confirmed.

Reps. J. J. Dyas, Robt. Kirkpatrick, and Thos. Woodyatt, asked for, and obtained leave to go home.

The following resolution was agreed to, on motion of Rep. McAfee, seconded by M. E. Snider.

Reolved,—That in view of the very large increase of new Lodges in this jurisdiction during the past year, and the consequent increase in the responsible and onerous duties of our very efficient Grand Secretary, that an increase of Fifty Dollars be added to the salary of that officer, making the salary three hundred dollars for the current year, dating from the first day of July last past.

The following resolution, moved by Rep. Cl. T. Campbell, seconded by Rep. H. E. Buttery, was adopted :—

Resolved,—That the Secretaries of all Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, shall forward to the R. W. Grand Secretary each year the credentials of their representatives at least two weeks before the date of meeting of the Grand Lodge.

The following moved by Rep. Louis Dorr, seconded by Rep. J. Bowden was resolved in the affirmative, an amendment by Rep. Jas,

Heron to strike out Windsor and insert London having been withdrawn.

Resolved,—That when this Grand Lodge adjourn, it does so to meet in the town of Windsor, on the first Wednesday in August, 1872.

Accounts from J. R. Robertson for printing Grand Master's report and from Stewart & Mathison for printing Grand Secretary's report and statements, were referred to the Finance Committee.

The following resolution, moved by Rep. Blain, seconded by Rep. Barker, was agreed to:

Resolved,—That the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem be instructed to compute Mileage for this session at the rate of four cents per mile each way, and the per diem at the rate of two dollars per day.

Rep. Cl. T. Campbell, from the Committee on State of the Order made the following report, which was considered as read *seriatim*, and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee, to whom was referred the following questions, offer the accompanying resolutions thereon:—

Question by Rep. H. Blain:

Are the By-laws of a Lodge binding on visiting Brothers? For example, if the By-laws of one Lodge prohibit smoking in the reception room, and the By-law of another permit members to do so, would members of the Lodge granting such permission be bound to comply with the By-laws of the Lodge prohibiting smoking in the reception room while in session?

Resolved,—That the above question b: answered "yes."

Question by Rep. H Gibson:

Is it necessary that a Brother holding a card of clearance from the Lodge of which he was previously a member, to be a resident of the place for six months before he can be admitted to said Lodge?

Resolved,—That the above question be answered "no."

Question by Unity Lodge No. 47:

On a ballot being taken, and before the result is declared, can the ballot be declared null, on a member who has put in a black ball rising and saying that he put one in by mistake?

Resolved,—That the above question be answered as follows: "Yes, before the ballot is declared."

Question by Rep. H Blain:

Are the Past Official Degrees a necessary qualification for the officers of the Grand Lodge, or for the office of D. D. G. M.

Resolved,—That question of Rep. Blain be answered "no."

Respectfully submiited.

H. C. BINGHAM. W. F. ROOME.
Cl T. CAMPBELL. THOS. WOODYATT.
JOHN HUNTER.

Rep. H. McColl, from the Committee on Laws of Subordinates, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:—

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Laws of Subordinates beg to report that they have carefully examined the By-laws of the several Lodges submitted for their consideration, and report them as follows:—

Brock Lodge No. 9—We have found correct, except Clause 3 of Article XII, and Clause 2 of Article XIII, which are contrary to the Digest, page 71, Section 321, and also Clause 4, Article XIII., which is contrary to the Digest, page 379, Section 1777. The By-laws submitted do not comply with the requirements of the Grand Lodge, being neither signed or sealed.

Chatham Lodge No. 29—We have found correct, except the second Clause of

No. 62, which is contrary to the Digest, page 71, section 321. By-laws submitted neither signed nor sealed.

Eureka Lodge No. 30—We have found correct, except the latter part of Nos. 59 and 61, which are contrary to Digest, page 71, Section 321. By-laws have seal impressed but are not signed by the officers.

St. Mary's Lodge No. 36—We have found correct, except as follows: By-laws 49 and 50 are contrary to Section 321, page 71, Digest, and By-law 53 is contrary to Section 1777, page 379.

Forest City Lodge No. 38—We have found correct, except Nos. 79 and 82. which are contrary to Section 321, page 71, Digest G. L. U. S. By-laws sealed but not signed.

Avon Lodge No. 41—We have found correct, except By-laws 57 and 59, which are contrary to Section 321, page 71, Digest.

Mt. Zion Lodge No. 46—We have found correct, except Clause 1, Article 1., which is contrary to Clause 5 of Article 2, Constitution of Subordinate Lodges, and Clause 2, Section 2, Article VII, which is contrary to Digest, page 71, Section 321. By-laws neither signed nor sealed.

Dominion Lodge No. 48—We have found correct and properly signed and sealed.

Canada Lodge No. 49—We have found correct, except the latter part of the first Clause of No. 10 which is contrary to Digest, page 7, Section 11, and also No. 52, which is contrary to Digest, page 71, Section 321. By-laws neither signed nor sealed.

Covenant Lodge No. 52—We find correct, except By-law No. 52, which is contrary to Digest page 71, Section 321. By-laws neither signed nor sealed.

Niagara Falls Lodge No. 53—We have found correct, except No. 60, which is contrary to Digest, page 71, Section 321; No. 61, which is considered harsh and, also, impossible to practice. and No. 62, which is contrary to Digest, page 379, Section 1777.

Collingwood Lodge No. 54—We find correct, excepting No. 51, which is contrary to Digest, page 71, Section 321. By-laws signed but not sealed.

Maple Leaf Lodge No. 57—We have found correct, except No. 55, which is contrary to Digest, page 71, Section 321; No. 57, also, is contrary to Digest, page 379, section 1777. By-laws have seal impressed but are not signed by the officers.

Howard Lodge No. 58—We have found correct, except No. 58, which is contrary to Clause 321, page 71, Digest G. L. U. S., and No. 60, which does not conform to section 1777, page 379, Digest.

Kingston Lodge No. 59—We have found correct, except Clause 3, Article III, and Clause 2, Article XIII., which are contrary to Section 321. page 71, Digest, as also Clause 4, Article XIII, which is not in accordance with Section 1777, page 379, Digest.

Wardsville Lodge No. 60—We have found correct, with the following exceptions: The latter part of By-law 38 contravenes Clause 5, Article V., Constitution of Subordinate Lodges, and By-laws Nos 79 and 82 are contrary to Digest, page 71, Section 321. By-laws neither signed nor sealed.

Corinthian Lodge No. 61 We have found correct, except By-laws 53 and 56 which are not in accordance with Section 321, page 71, of Digest. By-laws submitted are neither signed or sealed.

Huron Lodge No. 62—We have found correct, except in the following particulars: By-law No. 6 contravenes Clauses 7 and 8 of Article 6, Constitution of Subordinates. By-law No 44 contravenes Clause 10 of Article 10, Constitution of Subordinates, and By-laws Nos. 54 and 57 are contrary to Section 321, page 71 Digest G. L U. S In Clause 33, fourth line, the word "time" should be substituted for the word "term" By-laws not signed or sealed.

Victoria Lodge No. 64—We found correct, except as follows: By-law No. 2 makes no provision for returning the fee ($2) which accompanys a proposition to a rejected candidate. By-law 43 is contrary to section 321, page 71, Digest, and By-law 45 is contrary to Section 1777, page 379. By-laws are not signed nor sealed

Florence Nightingale Lodge No 66—We have found correct, except By-law 52, which is contrary to Clause 321, page 71, Digest. By-laws are neither signed nor sealed.

Hope Lodge No. 69—We have found correct, except the following: By-law No. 6 makes no provision for returning the fee ($2) which accompanies a proposition to the rejected candidate. By-law No. 60 is contrary to Clause 5, Article V, of Constitution. By-law 52 and 56 are contrary to Section 321, page 71, Digest. By-law 58 is contrary to Section 1777, page 379, Digest By-law 64 is contrary to Clauses 7 and 8, of Article VI., Constitution. In By-laws 25, 26 and 27, no provision is made for admitting Ancient Odd-Fellows, over 50 years of age. as provided by Clause 5, Article II., of the Constitution.

Lucan Lodge No. 70—We have found correct, except By-laws 49 and 50, which are not in accordance with Section 321, page 71, Digest, and By-law 58, which is contrary to section 1777, page 379.

Warriner Lodge No. 75—We found correct, except By-laws 53 and 56, which are contrary to Section 321, page 71, Digest. By-laws submitted are neither signed nor sealed.

Your committee would also call attention to the omission of the word "elective," in Clause 4 Article IV, Constitution.

Your committee therefore move the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved—That the foregoing report be adopted.

Respectfully submitted.

J. J. DYAS. HUGH McCOLL.
JAMES HERON. HUGH BLAIN.
J. F. McDONALD. W H COLE.
JOHN BOWEN. ROBERT EVANS.
M D. DAWSON.

Rep. Richard Box, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was, on motion, considered *seriatim*, and agreed to.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Finance would beg to report on the following:—

Resolved—That the recommendations of the Grand Secretary in Clause 14 of his report be adopted.

Resolved—That the account of J. R. Robertson, for printing 150 copies G. M's report, amounting to $5, be paid.

Resolved—That the account of the Brantford *Expositor*, for printing 200 copies Grand Secretary's Report, amounting to $27.50, be paid.

All of which we beg to respectfully submit.

RICHARD BOX.
J. M. TWEEDALE.

Rep. W. Barley, from the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, made the following report, which was considered.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:

We your Committee on Mileage and Per Diem beg to submit the following table and resolutions, viz:

TABLE OF MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

NAME OF LODGE.	Number of Lodge	LOCATION.	Miles Travelled.	Mileage.	Number of Days.	Per Diem.	Total.	NAMES OF REPRESENTATIVES
GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT:								
W. N. Ford, M. W. G. M.	.....	St Mary's	200	$ 8 00	3	$ 6 00	$ 14 00	
John Gibson, R. W. D. G. M.	.....	Stratford	176	7 04	3	6 00	13 04	
J. J. Ramsay, R. W. G. W.	.....	Toronto	.....	.....		6 00	6 00	
J. B. King, R. W. G. S.	....	Brantford	150	6 00		6 00	12 00	
A. D. Clement, R. W. G. T.	.....	Brantford	150	6 00		6 00	12 00	
Jas. Woodyatt, R. W. G. R	.....	Brantford	150	6 00	3	6 00	12 00	
Thos. Partridge, R. W. G. R.	.....	London	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	was a Representative.
Thos. Reid, R. W. G. M	....	Windsor	458	18 32	3	6 00	24 32	
A. McPhail, R. W. G. G.	.....	London	232	9 28	3	6 00	15 28	
H. C. Bingham, R. W. G. C.	.....	Brantford	232	9 28	3	6 00	15 28	
M. Blume, R. W. G. H.	.....	Toronto	.....	.....	3	6 00	6 00	
Brock	9	Brockville	416	16 64	3	6 00	22 64	W. H. Cole.
"	9	"	416	16 64	3	6 00	22 64	W. M. Seaton.
Union	16	St Catharines	136	5 44	3	6 00	11 44	T. Healy.
"	16	"	136	5 44	3	6 00	11 44	G. E. Patterson.
"	16	"	136	5 44	3	6 00	11 44	L. Dorr.
"	16	"	136	5 44	3	6 00	11 44	Jas. Elliott.
Chatham	29	Chatham	224	8 96	3	6 00	14 96	J. Schneider.
"	29	"	224	8 96	3	6 00	14 96	J. P. Young.
"	29	"	224	8 96	3	6 00	14 96	G. Turner.
Eureka	30	London	238	9 52	3	6 00	15 52	G. Powell, Sr.
"	30	"	238	9 52	3	6 00	15 52	J. Atkins.
"	30	"	238	9 52	3	6 00	15 52	John Hunter.

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Eureka	30	London	238	$ 9 52	3	$ 6 00	$ 15 52	R Kirkpatrick.
"	30	"	238	9 52	3	6 00	15 52	J. Heron.
Erie	33	Pt. Burwell	254	10 16	3	6 00	16 16	G. W. Pontine.
"	33	"	254	10 16	3	6 00	16 16	G. W. Hare.
Gore	34	Brantford	150	6 00	3	6 00	12 00	R. Mathison.
"	34	"	150	6 00	3	6 00	12 00	T. Woodyatt.
Samaritan	35	Ingersoll	194	7 76	3	6 00	13 76	J. F. McDonald.
"	35	"	194	7 76	3	6 00	13 76	T. Simons.
"	35	"	194	7 76	3	6 00	13 76	W. C. Bell.
St. Mary's	36	St. Mary's	200	8 00	3	6 00	14 00	R. Barbour.
"	36	"	200	8 00	3	6 00	14 00	Richard Box.
Forest City	38	London	232	9 28	3	6 00	15 28	H. E. Buttery.
"	38	"	232	9 28	3	6 00	15 28	M. D. Dawson.
"	38	"	232	9 28	3	6 00	15 28	J. Smith.
"	38	"	232	9 28	3	6 00	15 28	Ed. Beltz.
Avon	41	Stratford	176	7 04	3	6 00	13 04	J. Dutton.
"	41	"	176	7 04	3	6 00	13 04	H. Gibson.
"	41	"	176	7 04	3	6 00	13 04	J. Morrison.
Excelsior	44	Hamilton	80	3 20	3	6 00	9 20	W. Lewis.
"	44	"	80	3 20	3	6 00	9 20	J. Pryke.
"	44	"	80	3 20	3	6 00	9 20	J. Richmond.
Frontier	45	Windsor	458	18 32	3	6 00	24 32	H. McAfee.
"	45	"	458	18 32	3	6 00	24 32	J. Bowden.
"	45	"	458	18 32	3	6 00	24 32	Wm. Ferguson.
Mt. Zion	46	Newbury	306	12 24	3	6 00	18 24	J. D. Anderson.

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Unity	47	Hamilton	80	3 20	3	6 00	9 20	A. McKay.
"	47	"	80	3 20	3	6 00	9 20	T. A. Tarrant.
"	47	"	80	3 20	3	6 00	9 20	G. Hudgley.
Dominion	48	London	232	9 28	3	6 00	15 28	Cl. T. Campbell.
"	48	"	232	9 28	3	6 00	15 28	J. J. Dyas.
"	48	"	232	9 28	3	6 00	15 28	J. Smith.
Canada	49	Toronto	.....	.....	3	3 00	3 00	W. Roberts.
"	49	"	.....	.....	3	6 00	6 00	E. Taylor.
"	49	"	.....	.....	3	3 00	3 00	J. Coleman.
"	49	"	.....	.....	3	6 00	6 00	E. E. Howe.
Otter	50	Tilsonburg	226	9 04	3	6 00	15 04	J. M. Tweedale.
"	50	"	226	9 04	3	6 00	15 04	P. Campbell.
Bissell	51	Mitchell	200	8 00	3	6 00	14 00	W. Barley.
"	51	"	200	8 00	3	6 00	14 00	Thos. Leadston.
Covenant	52	Toronto	.....	.....	3	6 00	6 00	H. Blain.
"	52	"	.....	.....	3	6 00	6 00	I. F. Eby.
"	52	"	.....	.....	3	6 00	6 00	H. W. Murdock.
"	52	"	.....	.....	3	6 00	6 00	F. T. Barker.
Niagara Falls	53	Clifton	166	6 64	3	6 00	12 64	John Bowen.
"	53	"	166	6 64	3	6 00	12 64	H. Bender.
Collingwood	54	Collingwood	192	7 68	3	6 00	13 68	Jas. Henry.
"	54	"	192	7 68	3	6 00	13 68	E. R. Carpenter.
Fidelity	55	Seaforth	222	8 88	3	6 00	14 88	Thos. Foster.
Queen City of Ontario	56	Toronto	.....	.....	3	6 00	6 00	J. Field.
" "	56	"	.....	.....	3	6 00	6 00	J. R. Dunn.
"	44	"	80	3 20	3	6 00	9 20	J. Pryke.
"	44	"	80	3 20	3	6 00	9 20	J. Richmond.
Frontier	45	Windsor	458	18 32	3	6 00	24 32	H. McAfee.
"	45	"	458	18 32	3	6 00	24 32	J. Bowden.
"	45	"	458	18 32	3	6 00	24 32	Wm. Ferguson.
Mt. Zion	46	Newbury	306	12 24	3	6 00	18 24	J. D. Anderson.

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Queen City of Ontario	57	Toronto	.....	$	3	$ 6 00	$ 6 00	Geo. Williams.
Maple Leaf	58	Orangeville	80	3 20	3	6 00	9 20	John Anderson.
Howard	59	Strathroy	272	10 88	3	6 00	16 88	Hugh McColl.
Kingston	60	Kingston	322	12 88	3	6 00	18 88	R. D. Patterson.
Wardsville	61	Wardsville	298	11 92	3	6 00	17 92	D. Freckleton.
Corinthian	62	Oshawa	68	2 72	3	6 00	8 72	C. S. Male.
Huron	62	Goderich	270	10 80	3	6 00	16 80	T. Renwick.
"	63	"	270	10 80	3	6 00	16 80	R. Hogarth.
Barrie	64	Barrie	126	5 04	3	6 00	11 04	Jas. Sargent.
Victoria	65	Hamilton	80	3 20	3	6 00	9 20	R. Evan .
Friendship	65	Petrolia	324	12 96	3	6 00	18 96	J. S. Garner.
"	66	"	324	12 96	3	6 00	18 96	T. Partridge.
Florence Nightingale	67	Bowmanville	86	3 44	3	6 00	9 44	R. Fyfe.
Exeter	68	Exeter	251	10 68	3	6 00	16 08	D. Johns.
North Star	69	Stayner	172	6 88	3	6 00	12 88	H. Robertson.
Hope	70	Harrietsville	220	8 80	3	6 00	14 80	Alex. Dundas.
Lucan	71	Lucan	232	9 28	3	6 00	15 28	E. Mara.
Toronto	72	Toronto	.....	.....	3	6 00	6 00	M. E. Snider.
Fergus	73	Fergus	120	4 80	3	6 00	10 80	John Barr.
Bothwell	74	Bothwell	316	12 64	3	6 00	18 64	W. F. Roome.
Warriner	75	Port Perry	100	4 00	3	6 00	10 00	R. Warriner.
Oxford	77	Ingersoll	194	7 76	3	6 00	13 76	J. F. Morey.

The foregoing table is computed in accordance with the resolution of this Grand Lodge at four cents per mile and two dollars per diem.

Your Committee beg to move the following resolution:—

Resolved,—That the foregoing report be adopted, and that the Grand Master do issue orders on the Grand Treasurer in accordance therewith, in favor of the Officers and Representatives.

WM. BARLEY.
R. FYFE.
C. S. MALE.

On motion to adopt,

It was moved by Rep. Cl. T. Campbell, seconded by Rep. James Heron, in amendment, that the words M. Blume, Grand Herald, and the figures opposite the same, be stricken out.

Resolved in the affirmative.

The Report as amended was adopted.

Rep. G. W. Hare, from the Committee on Printing, made the following Report, which was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario I. O. O. F.,

Your Committee on Printing beg to report the following resolution: Resolved that the Reports of the several Grand Officers be printed in full in the Journal.

Resolved,—That the Grand Secretary have 500 copies of the Journal of Proceedings of the Grand Lodge, appending thereto the new Laws relative to Degree Lodges.

GEO. W. HARE.
HENRY GIBSON.
J. B. KING.

The following resolution was agreed to:

Moved by Rep. Blain, seconded by Rep. Hunter, that the sum of Six Dollars be paid to Bro. Blume for services rendered in the ante-room during the present session of this Grand Lodge.

The Grand Secretary asked and obtained permission to have a new and commodious desk made.

The following resolution was agreed to:

Moved by Rep. M. D. Dawson, seconded by Rep. McColl, that the M. W. Grand Master be authorized by this Grand Lodge, if thought necessary, to appoint the Committee on By-Laws of Subordinates previous to the meeting of the Grand Lodge, and that said Committee be instructed to meet two days previously.

On motion, the Grand Lodge proceeded with the Installation of Officers.

P. D. Grand Master John Gibson, of Avon Lodge No. 41, Grand Master elect, having been presented by P. G. Masters H. C. Bingham and James Woodyatt, was qualified by the M. W. Grand Master, and took his chair.

P. G. John Murray, of Niagara Falls Lodge No. 53, Deputy Grand Master elect, having been presented by the same Committee, was qualified, and seated to the right of the chair.

P. G. John Hunter, of Eureka Lodge No. 30, Grand Warden elect, having been presented by the same Committee, was qualified and conducted to his seat.

P. G. Secretary, J. B. King, of Gore Lodge No. 34, Grand Secretary elect, having been presented by the same Committee, was qualified and conducted to his seat.

P. G. Treasurer, Alexander D. Clement, of Gore Lodge No. 34, Grand Treasurer elect, having been presented by the same Committee, was qualified and conducted to his seat.

The M. W. Grand Master made the following appointments, which were unanimously confirmed by the Grand Lodge, and the brothers conducted to their respective seats:

Rep. J. F. McDonald, of Samaritan Lodge, R. W. G. Marshal.
" Jno. Schneider, of Chatham Lodge, R. W. G, Conductor.
" Geo. W. Pontine, of Erie Lodge, R. W. Grand Guardian.
" C. S. Male, of Corinthian Lodge, R. W. Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Master appointed the following District Deputy Grand Masters:—

P. G.,	C. J. Dewey	Brock Lodge	No. 9
"	J. B. McIntyre	Union Lodge	" 16
"	Geo. Young	Chatham Lodge	" 29
"	H. E. Buttery	Eureka Lodge	" 30
		Forest City Lodge	" 38
		Dominion Lodge	" 48
		St. Thomas Lodge	" 76
"	G. W. Hare	Erie Lodge	" 33
"	Robt. Mathison	Gore Lodge	" 34
"	Jas. F. McDonald	Samaritan Lodge	" 35
		Oxford Lodge	" 77
"	Richard Box	St. Mary's Lodge	" 36
"	J. Dutton	Avon Lodge	" 41
"	John Richmond	Excelsior Lodge	" 44
		Unity Lodge	" 47
		Victoria Lodge	" 64
"	Wm. Ferguson	Frontier Lodge	" 45
"	J. D. Anderson	Mt. Zion Lodge	" 46
"	F. T. Barker	Canada Lodge	" 49
		Covenant Lodge	" 52
		Queen City of Ontario	" 56
		The Toronto Lodge	" 71
"	John Dewar	Otter Lodge	" 50
"	James Ker	Bissell Lodge	" 51
"	John Bowen	Niagara Falls Lodge	" 53
"	E. R. Carpenter	Collingwood Lodge	" 54
		North Star Lodge	" 68
"	T. Foster	Fidelity Lodge	" 55
"	Thomas McAdam	Maple Leaf Lodge	" 57
"	Hugh McColl	Howard Lodge	" 58
"	R. D. Patterson	Kingston Lodge	" 59
"	D. Freckleton,	Wardsville Lodge	" 60
"	C. S. Male	Corinthian Lodge	" 61
		Eastern Star Lodge	" 72
"	Thomas Renwick	Huron Lodge	" 62

P. G.,	James Sargant	Barrie Lodge	" 63
"	J. S. Garner	Friendship Lodge	" 65
"	R. Fife	Florence Nightingale Lodge,	" 66
"	J. M. O'Connor	Exeter	" 67
"	Alexander Dundas	Hope Lodge	" 69
"	E. Mara	Lucan Lodge	" 70
"	John Barr	Fergus Lodge	" 73
"	W. F. Roome,	Bothwell Lodge	" 74
"	R. Warriner	Warriner Lodge	" 75

The Grand Lodge, on motion, resolved itself into secret session.

After some time spent in secret session, during which time the secret work was ably exemplified by Grand Representative James Woodyatt, assisted by P. G. Representative H. M'Afee (Representative T. Partridge being unavoidably absent.)

After which the Grand Lodge resumed its ordinary business.

The new officers made appropriate addresses.

The business of the session having been concluded, the M. W. Grand Master called upon the Grand Chaplain, who offered a prayer.

Whereupon by direction of the M. W. Grand Master, the R. W. Deputy Grand Master proclaimed the Grand Lodge adjourned at 7 o'clock p. m., on the third day of the Session.

S. B. King.
Grand Secy.

Eighteenth Annual Session.

HELD AT WINDSOR.

WINDSOR, August 7th, 1872.

Frontier Lodge No. 45, [illegible]ving assembled in special session in their Hall for the purpose of receiving the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario. The M. W. Grand Master, Officers and Representatives having been duly announced, were admitted and presented to the N. G., Bro. J. H. Johnson, who welcomed the Grand Lodge to Windsor, and proferred the use of the Hall and ante rooms for the purpose of the present session.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. John Gibson, on behalf of the Grand Lodge, replied to the address and accepted the kind offer made.

The subordinate Lodge then closed.

The M. W. Grand Master took the chair and called the Grand Lodge to order, whereupon the roll was called and the following officers were present:

JOHN GIBSON	*M. W. Grand Master.*
JOHN MURRAY	*R. W. Deputy Grand Master.*
JOHN HUNTER	" *Grand Warden.*
J. B. KING	" " *Secretary.*
A. D. CLEMENT	" " *Treasurer.*
JAMES WOODYATT	" " *Rep. G. L. U. S.*
JAS. F. McDONALD	" " *Marshal.*
JOHN SCHNEIDER	" " *Conductor.*
G. W. PONTINE	" " *Guardian.*
C. S. MALE	" " *Chaplain.*

And a quorum of Representatives.

The Grand Conductor and Grand Marshal examined all present, and declared them duly qualified, whereupon the R. W. Grand Chaplain addressed the Throne of Grace as follows:

ALMIGHTY AND ETERNAL GOD, our Creator, Preserver, and Constant Benefactor, we render Thee humble and hearty thanks for that kind care that has watched over us during the past year, and permitted us to again assemble in Thy name for the transaction of business. We desire to acknowledge our unworthiness in Thy sight, and we feel that without Thy Divine Help all our purposes are ineffectual and all our efforts vain. Look with favour upon our beloved Order and aid us in our efforts to increase its usefulness. Bless the widow and orphan

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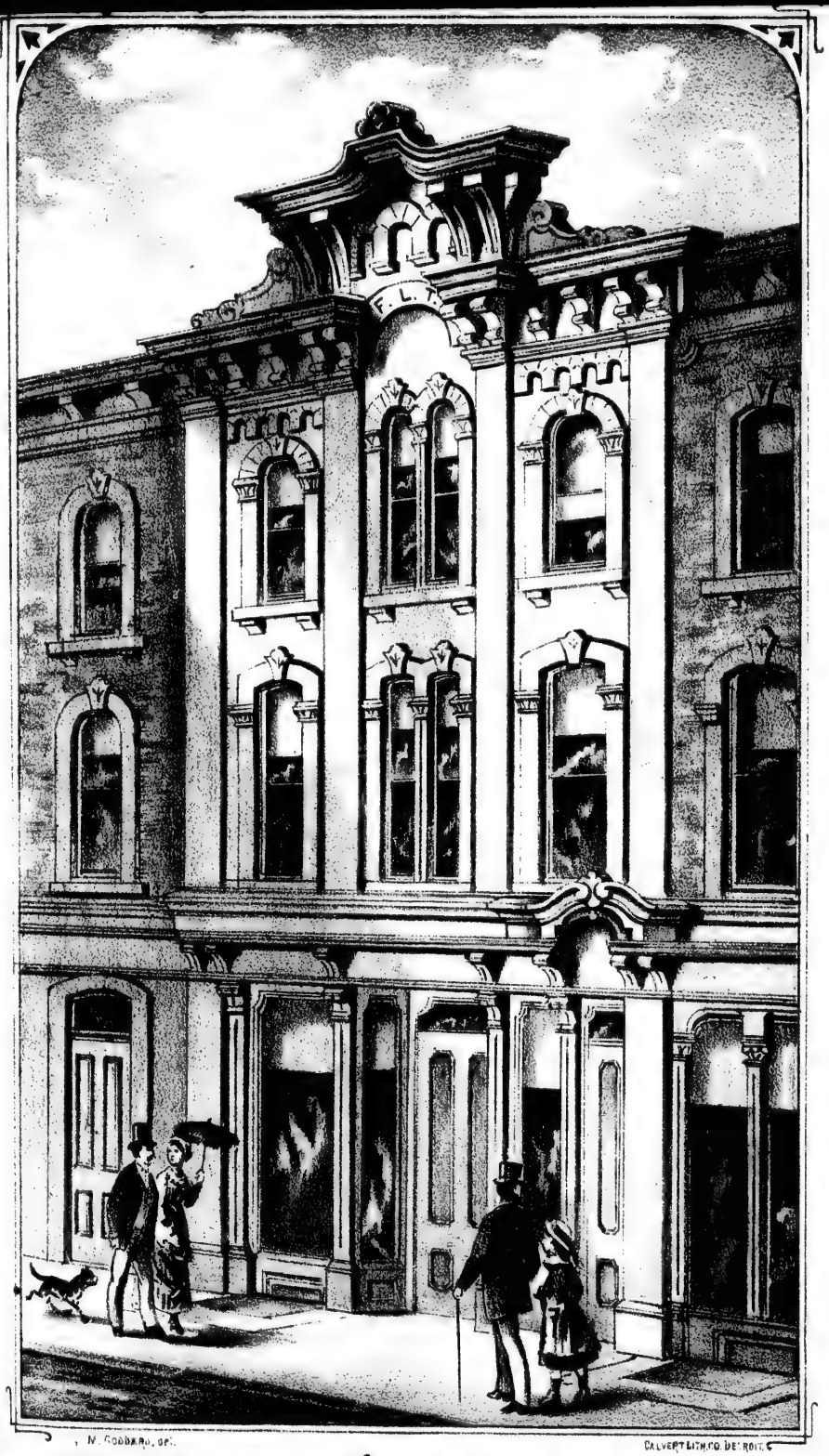

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and aid all who are in distress as Thou seest they need. Be with us at this time; direct and guide us in our deliberations, and grant that the spirit of peace, harmony and love may prevail among us at all times; and when our labors on earth are ended, may we enter into the rest prepared for Thy faithful servants, and with all Thy redeemed family unite in ascribing praise to Thy Holy Name, forever and ever.—Amen.

The Grand Marshal by direction of the chair, proclaimed the Grand Lodge open for the transaction of business.

On moton, Rep. Thomas Woodyatt was appointed assistant Grand Secretary for the present session.

The chair then announced the following Committee on Credentials:

J. B. King, Grand Secretary; H. E. Buttery, and Rep. G. W. Hare.

J. B. King, Grand Secretary, from the Committee on Credentials submitted the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I.O.O.F.:

BROTHERS,—We, your Committee on Credentials, beg to report that we have examined the returns of the Subordinate Lodges, and the certificates presented, and find the following Brothers duly elected, and credentials in due form. We recommend that they be admitted to this Grand Lodge as the representatives of their several Lodges, as follows:

JAMES CURLE CHAS. J. DEWEY	*Brock Lodge*	No. 9
TIMOTHY HEALY W. A. RAWLINGS GEO. E. PATTERSON JNO. G. SISTERSON	*Union Lodge*	" 16
ISAAC SMITH JNO. SCHNEIDER J. P. YOUNG OTIS B. HULIN	*Chatham Lodge*	" 29
JNO. FERGUSON JAMES HERON ROBT. KIRKPATRICK GEO. POWELL, Sr. WM. WYATT	*Eureka Lodge*	" 30
G. W. HARE G. W PONTINE	*Erie Lodge*	" 33
ALFRED COX N. T. PEATMAN THOS. WOODYATT	*Gore Lodge*	" 34
HUGH KERR HENRY HEARN WM. SPRINGER	*Samaritan Lodge*	" 35
ROBT. BARBOUR CHAS. VONGUNTEN	*St. Marys Lodge*	" 36
JOHN W. FLETCHER H. E. BUTTERY E. BELTZ R. J. C. DAWSON M. D. DAWSON	*Forest City Lodge*	" 38
CHAS. LEE JNO. ROSS HENRY GIBSON	*Avon Lodge*	" 41
WM. LEWIS ROBT. GRIFFITHS JNO. RICHMOND	*Excelsior Lodge*	" 44
ROBERT LAMBERT THOMAS REID JOHN HURST	*Frontier Lodge*	" 45

T. A. TARRANT	*Unity Lodge*	" 47
GEO. MIDGLEY		
JNO. H. GLASS		
J. W. JONES	*Dominion Lodge*	" 48
W. F. HOWELL		
M. BLUME	*Canada Lodge*	" 49
GEO. WRIGHT,		
J. G. COLEMAN		
W. MENZIES		
S. B. W. CARPENTER	*Otter Lodge*	" 50
THOS. LEADSTONE	*Bissell Lodge*	" 51
JAMES KERR		
H. W. MURDOCK	*Covenant Lodge*	" 52
J. T. HORNIBROOK		
H. BLAIN		
J. J. RAMSAY		
JOHN BOWEN	*Niagara Falls*	" 53
P. R. BENDER		
JAMES HENRY	*Collingwood Lodge*	" 54
HENRY ROBERTSON		
A. G. McDOUGAL	*Fidelity Lodge*	" 55
J. P. KENDALL		
GEO. WILLIAMS	*Queen City of Ont*	" 56
C. W. WILMOT		
J. R. DUNN		
WM. CHALMERS	*Howard Lodge*	" 58
HUGH McCALL		
S. OBERNDORFER	*Kingston Lodge*	" 59
F. FOWLER,		
WM. MURPHY	*Wardsville Lodge*	" 60
JAMES McFEDRIES	*Corinthian Lodge*	" 61
THOS. RENWICK	*Huron Lodge*	" 62
A. V. PALMER	*Barrie Lodge*	" 63
J. B. LAING	*Victoria Lodge*	" 64
ALFRED SUHLER	*Friendship Lodge*	" 65
C. BARR	*Hope Lodge*	" 69
CHAS. F. PASHLEY	*Lucan Lodge*	" 70
M. E. SNIDER,	*The Toronto,*	" 71
JOHN RITCHIE, JR.,		
WM. RODGERS,	*Fergus Lodge*	" 73
R. WARRINER	*Warriner Lodge,*	" 75
J. C. LINDOP,	*St. Thomas Lodge,*	" 76
J. M. GREEN,		
J. F. MOREY,	*Oxford Lodge,*	" 77
H. LITTLE,		
J. B. TRAYES,	*Durham Lodge,*	" 78
GEO. WHEELER,	*Nipissing Lodge,*	" 79
JAMES REYNOLDS,	*Amity Lodge,*	" 80
WM. MOWATT,		
J. L. DAVIS,	*Belleville Lodge,*	" 81
JAS. McNUTT,	*Beaver Lodge,*	" 82
WM. FOSTER,	*Clinton Lodge,*	" 83
E. STONEY,	*Walkerton Lodge,*	" 84
JOHN O. CAMPBELL,	*Constellation,*	" 85
W. F. SANFORD,	*Napanee,*	" 86
HARPER WILSON,	*Empire Lodge,*	" 87
Cl. T. CAMPBELL,	*Olive Branch,*	" 88
GEO. W. JESSUP	*Reliance Lodge,*	" 89
J. J. DYAS,	*Ivy Lodge,*	" 90
P. B. HATCH,	*Grand River,*	" 91
WM. MARA,	*Milton Lodge,*	" 92
JOHN OSWALD,	*Western City,*	" 93
C. H. HANKINSON,	*Aylmer,*	" 94

We find by the Report of The Toronto Lodge No. 71, that J. H. Cornish was regularly elected one of the Representatives, but at the meeting of the Lodge held on August 5th he resigned his position, and that P. G., M. E. Snider, of Covenant Lodge No. 52, was regularly elected to fill the vacancy. The resignation and certificate being in form, we recommend that Bro. Snider be admitted as one of the representatives of The Toronto Lodge.

Rep. W. F. Sanford, of Napanee, has no certificate, nor has any certificate been sent us by his Lodge, though the return shows that he was elected. The P. G. is vouched for by the M W. Grand Master, and we therefore recommend that he be admitted to represent Napanee Lodge No. 86.

We find P. G., J. H. Davis, of Belleville Lodge No. 81, here without a representative's certificate. The return of the Lodge shows him to have been elected one of the representatives. The P. G. is vouched for by the M. W. Grand Master we therefore recommend that he be admitted as a representative of that Lodge.

We also find present the following named Past Grands whose certificates are in due form. We recommend that they be admitted and instructed in the G. L. Degree with the representatives:

J. S. McMahon, of Excelsior Lodge No. 44; Robert Griffiths, of Excelsior Lodge No. 44; Geo. Shaw, Forest City Lodge No. 38.

We therefore recommend that all the above named representatives and Past Grands, not previously instructed, be admitted and instructed in the G. L. Degree, and that all representatives and Past Grands who may present themselves hereafter during the session, be instructed in the ante room by the Grand Warden.

We therefore submit the following:

Resolved—That the foregoing report be adopted.

Fraternally submitted.

J. B. KING,
H. E. BUTTERY,
GEO. W. HARE.

The Representatives and Past Grands were then introduced, obligated and instructed in the Grand Lodge Degree by the R. W. Grand Warden.

The following was resolved in the affirmative. On motion of M. E. Snider, seconded by Representative J. J. Dyas, the minutes of last session be adopted as printed without reading.

The following was adopted:

Moved by Rep. J. J. Dyas, seconded by Rep. E. Beltz, That the reports of the M. W. Grand Master and R. W. Grand Secretary, as printed, be considered as read, and be referred to the Special Committee on Distribution.

The Chair named the following as the Committee on Distribution: Jas. Woodyatt, P. G. M., Henry McAfee, P. G. M., Representatives J. J. Dyas, and Robt. Barbour.

GRAND MASTER'S REPORT.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:

Windsor, August 7, 1872.

Officers and Representatives,—Another and a most successful year having passed away, we are again assembled in annual communication, to renew our friendship and to legislate for the good of our beloved order in this beautiful hall, at this the western terminus of our jurisdiction. Before entering upon our several duties, it becomes us to express our gratitude to our Universal Father for His manifold blessings vouchsafed to us during the past year, May He continue to give us

grace that our deliberations may be conducive to His glory and the benefit of our fellow men.

When one year ago you elevated me to the high and honorable position of Grand Master, I inwardly resolved that the confidence you had reposed in my fidelity to Odd-fellowship, should not prove misplaced, and I have endeavored by zeal to make up for any lack of ability in fulfilling the duties of that responsible office.

According to custom, I now lay before you an account of my official labors in the hope that they will meet with your approval.

NEW LODGES.

CLAUSE 1.—The following new lodges have been instituted during this year, and are now at work under dispensation, for which I would recommend charters being granted.

Durham, No. 78, instituted August 15, 1871, Port Hope.
Nipissing, No. 79, instituted October 15, 1871, Uxbridge.
Amity, No. 80, instituted October 12, 1871, Prescott.
Belleville, No. 81, instituted December 13, 1871, Belleville.
Beaver, No. 82, instituted January 12, 1872, Ruthven.
Clinton, No. 83, instituted January 16, 1872, Clinton.
Walkerton, No. 84, instituted January 17, 1872, Walkerton.
Constellation, No. 85, instituted January 22, 872, Burgesville.
Napanee, No. 86, instituted February 1, 1872, Napanee.
Empire, No. 87, instituted March 13, 1872, St. Catharines.
Olive Branch, No. 88, instituted March 14, 1872, Woodstock.
Reliance, No 89, instituted March 15, 1872, Guelph.
Ivy, No 90, instituted April 24, 1872, Parkhill.
Grand River, No. 91, instituted May 31, 1872, Paris.
Milton, No. 92, instituted June 11, 872, Milton.
Western City, No. 93, instituted June 13, 1872, Chatham.
Aylmer, No. 94, instituted June 14, 1872, Aylmer.
Port Stanley, No. 95, instituted July 16, 1872, Port Stanley.
Nith, No 96, instituted July 30, 1872, New Hamburg.
Grand Union, No. 97, instituted August 2, 1872, Berlin.
Minto, No. 98, instituted August 3, 1872, Harriston.

This is the largest number of Lodges ever instituted in any one year in this jurisdiction. It must be gratifying to every good Odd fellow to note this rapid advance of our Order in Ontario, giving such plain indications that our sublime principles, Friendship, Love and Truth, will yet assert their sway not only over our own country, but over the whole civilized world. I am indebted to J. B. King G. S., for instituting Nipissing Lodge, No. 79, and to many of the brethren through out the jurisdiction of their able assistance on similar occasions.

The following Degree Lodges have been instituted during my official term by dispensation:

Reynolds, No. 1, at London, instituted by D.D.G.M., H.E. Buttrey.
Metropolitan, No. 2, at Toronto, instituted by D.D.G.M., F.T. Barker.
Burlington, No. 3, at Hamilton, instituted by D.D.G.M., J. Richmond
Yale, No. 4, St. Catharines, instituted by D.D.G.M., J. B. McIntyre.

I find those Degree Lodges to be a great benefit where two or more subordinates are working—the members taking a greater interest in our degree work, and being more uniformly instructed.

I received a petition from five members of the late Rond Eau Lodge No. 40, praying that their charter and effects might be restored to them, as they were again prepared to work the Lodge. I therefore restored to them the charter and resuscitated the Lodge on the 18th of July, with five applicants for charter, two admitted by card, and 12

initiated. The Lodge is in good hands. I would recommend that value to the amount of $115 35 received by this Grand Body, be returned to Rond Eau.

I also received a petition from a sufficient number of brothers in Toronto praying to have another Lodge instituted in that city. Hearing that difficulties had arisen between the members of some of the lodges, I called the Grand Secretary to my assistance, and visited Toronto, in order to affect, if possible, an amicable settlement. After hearing both sides of the question, I thought it advisable not to grant the required dispensation, but recommended the applicants to again affiliate with their lodges, until harmony would be restored. My advice was readily followed with one or two exceptions.

I also received several communications from Strathroy, with a view to the organization of a second lodge in that town, but believing that the brethren of Howard Lodge were not prepared for "swarming," and that the interests of the Order would not be advanced by such a proceeding, I refused my consent.

VISITATIONS.

It affords me great pleasure to report that I have visited every Lodge in the jurisdiction during the year. In order to accomplish this duty I have travelled eight thousand miles, and the time occupied in so doing has not been less than one hundred and thirty days. Although this has been attended with considerable labor and personal loss of time, yet it has been to me a great source of gratification in being able to meet the brethren in their respective lodges; and I have good reason to believe it has not been altogether unprofitable to them. Everywhere I have been received with the cordiality and fraternal kindness due to a brother, as well as the respect due to the Grand Master It would be impossible for me to refer to the special interest attached to each visit. Those were most pleasing to me where I found the brethren harmoniously engaged in carrying out the literal work of the Order in the lodge room, and exemplifying our principles in their intercourse with each other. And in the very few cases where I noticed any slight laxity or indifference on the part of either officers or members, I was gratified by the close attention they gave to my instructions, and the earnest desire for improvement manifested by all.

On Tuesday, September 11, 1871, in company with D. G. M. Murray, I joined the brethren of Florence Nightingale, Corinthian, Eastern Star, Warriner and Durham Lodges in an excursion to Rochester, where we received such a fraternal greeting from the brethren of the different Lodges of that city as will never be forgotten by those who participated in the day's enjoyment.

On the 11th of October, in company with a number of brothers of Brockville, I visited Ogdensburg Lodge, No. 98, New York State, where we met and assisted the Grand Master and Grand Marshal of that State to instal the officers of said Lodge; the first visit of any Grand Officers they have had for a period of over twenty years.

A short time ago, I received, through the G. S., a letter from the N. G. of Barrie Lodge, speaking despondingly of their condition, and asking what they should do to add interest to their meetings. Thinking the brethren would be benefitted by a special visitation, I called to my assistance Grand Representative Woodyatt, and on the evening of the we met with them and installed their officers, after which they were addressed and encouraged at some length, more parti-

cularly by Bro. Woodyatt. I feel justified in saying that we left the brothers of that lodge much the better for our visit.

DEDICATIONS, ETC.

On November 1st assisted by P. G. M. Bingham and other brethren, I dedicated the new and commodious Hall of Howard Lodge to the principles of our Order in the presence of a large audience, after which a very pleasant and profitable evening was spent.

On the 9th November, assisted by P. G. M.'s McAfee and Smith, and a large number of brethren from Windsor, Wardsville, Bothwell, Newbury and Detroit, I dedicated a spacious and beautiful hall to the principles of Friendship, Love and Truth, for Chatham Lodge, No. 29.

The new Hall erected by the members of Friendship Lodge was duly dedicated by P. G. M. Bingham acting as Grand Master. This is a beautiful structure, an ornament to the place and a credit to the members of the Lodge.

On June 17th, assisted by J. B. King, Grand Secretary, and the members of Avon Lodge, Stratford, I laid the corner stone of an Odd-Fellows Hall in the town of Stratford, which will soon be ready for occupation. When completed it will be the largest building owned by any lodge in the jurisdiction, and will be a credit to the Order as well as an ornament to the town.

RELIEF.

CLAUSE 2.—On the 11th October I issued a circular to the Lodges, appealing to them for aid on behalf of the sufferers by the great fire in Chicago, and right nobly did they respond to the call, contributing for that purpose nearly $2,000. I appointed J. B. King, Grand Secretary, J. Woodyatt, Grand Representative, and A. D. Clement, Grand Treasurer, a committee to receive donations and forward to the committee at Chicago; which duty they faithfully performed. They have my warmest thanks. Circular and report of the committee are annexed to this report.

Some of the Lodges also contributed to the relief of the sufferers in Michigan and Wisconsin, to the amount of nearly three thousand dollars.

DISPENSATIONS AND DECISIONS.

CLAUSE 3.—Dispensations have been granted to several Lodges in connection with minor matters which it is not necessary to particularize. Among others was one to Barrie Lodge; permitting the election of a Scarlet Degree member as Noble Grand—all qualified members refusing to serve.

A great variety of questions have been submitted to me for ruling; but as they have been all plainly answered by a reference to our laws, I have not considered them of sufficient importance to be especially noted, except the following, which will come before you in connection with an appeal.

Question—Is an applicant for admission by card to be dealt with according to our constitution, or according to Digest, clause 158?

Answer—According to our constitution, where three or more black balls appear, the applicant must be declared rejected.

MISCELLANEOUS.

CLAUSE 4.—I have according to resolution of last session, page 806, journal of proceedings, appointed a committee on laws of subordinates,

consisting of the following named Bros. H. C. Bingham, T. Partridge, Cl. T. Campbell, F. T. Barker and Henry Robertson. The same brethren were also appointed a committee on constitution of Degree Lodge. (Journal of 1871,

I have also appointed a committee on dividing the jurisdiction into districts as authorized by resolution of Grand Lodge, page 795, proceedings 1871; said committee consisting of Bros. James Smith, R. Wigmore, Wm. Bissell, W. N. Ford and John Hunter,

CLAUSE 5.—At our present rate of increase, in two or three years there will be no Lodge room in the Province large enough to accommodate this Grand Lodge. I would therefore recommend that the constitutisn be so amended that one representative suffice for a Ludge of one hundred members or less, and that no Lodge have more than two representatives.

I would further recommend that this Grand Lodge pay the officer called upon to institute new Lodges, as in many cases the Lodge instituted is not in a position to pay that brother, and some of my predecessors are not yet refunded their money expended by them to reach several of these places.

CLAUSE 6.—I have granted a withdrawal card to Bro. Wm. Allen, of late Rose Lodge, Amherstburg, and to Bro. Wm Scott, of the old Oxford Lodge, Woodstock, also several dismissal certificates to brothers desirous of instituting new Lodges.

CLAUSE 7.—Several communications in reference to a disputed election to membership in Toronto; one from John McMath, complaining that the action of Erie Lodge in his case, and others of various degrees of importance, will be submitted to the Committee on Correspondence.

I have received satisfactory and cheering reports from the following District Deputies: C. J. Dewey, Brockville; J. B. McIntyre, St. Catharines; Cl. T. Campbell, Woodstock; F. T. Barker, Toronto; John P. Young, Chatham; Hugh McColl, Strathroy; H. E. Buttery, London; G. W. Hare, Pt. Burwell; E. R. Carpenter, Collingwood. From more than three-fourths of the districts I have received no official information whatever. Brothers who take the office of D. D. G. M., seem to forget that they have duties to perform as well as honors to bear.

CLAUSE 8.—I refer you to the Grand Secretary's report for the statistics of the Order in Ontario for the year. From that you will receive conclusive evidence that the year has been one of unexampled prosperity—far beyond anything in the previous history of our jurisdiction. With 66 Lodges working with a membership of over 5,000, we have certainly every reason to feel proud of our numerical increase; while we can point with satisfaction to the results of our benevolent labors in the expenditure of over $6,000 for relief.

Let our past success only stimulate us to renewed exertions, so that we may make our beloved Order a mighty influence for good in the land. Let every brother, from the highest to the lowest, remember his obligations, and faithfully perform his allotted task; so shall our future prosperity exceed our brightest hopes.

Fraternally yours,

JOHN GIBSON,

Grand Master.

The Grand Secretary submitted his Annual Report and Financial Statement, and Statistical Tables, as follows:

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

To the M. W. Grand Master, Officers and Representatives of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario:

In accordance with the law defining the duties of the Grand Secretary, I have the honor of presenting the following, my sixth annual report of the transactions of the year, and before proceeding further, I take pleasure in congratulating this Grand Lodge upon the very great increase in Lodges and Membership, upon the harmony that prevails, and upon the liberality that has been shown by the Brotherhood in response to the several calls for relief during the past year.

1. The resolution instructing me to convey the thanks of the Grand Lodge to the Great Western and Grand Trunk Railways, for reduced fares to Toronto, has been attended to, and believing that by a personal interview with W. K. Muir, Esq., the manager of the G. W. R., I could obtain still further reduction of rates to our Representatives, I waited upon that gentleman, accompanied by Bro. J. Barr, P. G. M., and succeeded in getting half fares for the Brothers and their families, which is quarter fare less than formerly granted by that Company. The Grand Trunk Railway also gives us double journey tickets for single fare.

2. The resolution authorizing the printing of five hundred copies of the proceedings of the Annual Session of 1871, was carried out, and as soon as printed, copies were sent to each Officer, Representative, Lodge, and State Grand Lodges, and Grand Encampments.

3. In accordance with permission given, I had made a large and commodious desk, suitable for the increasing business of the Grand Lodge, it being too large and cumbersome to carry from place to place, I have had the old desk refitted for travelling purposes.

4. The loan to the Grand Encampment was renewed, and an additional one hunered dollars that body, as per report of Finance Committee, page 464, jour. 1871.

5. The returns of all the Lodges for term ending 31st December, 1871, were all received in due time, excepting those of Amity Lodge No. 80, Prescott, which were not sent until July—being six months behind—for which, according to constitution, I have fined that Lodge twelve dollars.

The returns for the term ending 30th June, were, for the most part, promptly sent in, and show that more than the Ordinary care was taken by the Officers in making them out, and yet there is vast room for improvement. I have—very reluctantly—compelled to close my report without the returns of Excelsior, 44, Hamilton, and Barrie, 63, Barrie, although I have used every effort in my power to have them in before doing so, having telegraphed the officers, and held my report open until July 31st. I would suggest that some legislation be had this Session, with a view to compelling all returns to be in prior to July 20.

The supply of blank returns becoming exhausted, I carefully revised the former and had a supply printed, and I believe if they are correctly filled up, the statistics compiled from them will be reliable.

6. I fear that our Grand Officers when visiting Subordiate Lodges, devote all their time to instruction in the Secret Work of the Order,

neglecting altogether the very important end that could be gained by a careful scrutiny of the books, observing that the minutes are properly written up, and the financial books correctly kept. As the prosperity of the Lodge greatly depends upon carefully kept financial affairs, I believe it would be profitable both to this Grand Lodge and Subordinates, to enact such legislation as will tend to uniformity in this respect.

7 The expenses of the year have not been increased beyond the sum actually necessary, considering the large number of new lodges organized.

8. On the 8th of October, 1871, I received from Mr. J. T. Gilkison, of Brantford, the Working and Degree Books of the late Burlington Lodge, No. 17, Hamilton. They having been in the possession of that gentleman since the Lodge became defunct.

9. Enquiries having been made by a great many Brothers and others, as to the mode of procedure to have a Lodge of our Order organized, I prepared and had printed a sheet of instructions, attached to which is a blank application for a warrant. I beleive it has had a beneficial effect.

10. A law passed at the last session of the Grand Lodge, U. S., requires that the returns of all Subordinate Grand Lodges shall be made up to December 31, (instead of June 30, as formerly,) and require that Representative Tax, and amounts due for Supplies, must be sent with the return. In compliance with the circular issued by the Grand Lodge, U. S., to the above effect, I forwarded to James L. Ridgely, the account for this year, which makes the expenses account show having paid the G. L. U. S. for two years 1871-2.

By sending cash with orders for supplies to the Grand Lodge of U. S., a discount of ten per cent. is obtained, a benefit to this Grand Lodge which I have availed myself of. A further increase of expenses appear from this fact, that from a number of localities where new Lodges were in contemplation, I have been written to know if I could supply them with all the printed supplies necessary to the working of a Lodge, finding that by having a number of books made up at one time, I could supply the new Lodges much cheaper than when getting a single set of books up, I ordered of Messrs. Stewart & Mathison a supply of Order, Receipt, Question, and Blank Books, and Registers. The new Lodges now get for $5 the same number of books that were previously charged $7 for, besides a small revenue to this Grand Lodge, by way of profit on the supplies.

11. In reference to the circular issued immediately after the great fire at Chicago appealing for aid to our distressed brothers, the sum of $1857 90 was raised and duly forwarded to Bro. E. B. Sherman, Secretary of the Relief Committee, of that city, and its receipt duly acknowledged. The subsequent disasterous fire in Wisconsin and Michigan also appealed for help, and the sum of $260 92 was sent me for the aid of distressed brothers in those States. A complete statement of the Special Relief will supplement this report.

STATEMEMT OF RECEIPTS

OF GRAND SECRETARY, FOR YEAR ENDING JULY 31ST, 1872.

Date.	LODGE.	Number.	Miscellaneous.	Charter Fee.	Percentage.	Supplies.
1871.			$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.
Aug. 4	Corinthian	61	....	....	....	14 03
" 4	Durham	78	....	30 00	....	....
	Friendship	65	....	....	....	45 20
	C. S. Male	....	....	....	....	2 50
	Barrie	63	....	....	....	30 26
	Wardsville	60	....	....	....	12 00
" 19	Reynolds Degree	1	....	5 00	....	....
Sept. 23	Mt. Zion	46	....	....	....	2 25
" 26	Excelsior	44	....	....	....	16 00
Oct. 3	George Irwin, Digest	....	....	....	....	2 50
Sept. 25	Nipissing	79	....	30 00	....	....
Oct. 6	Amity	80	....	30 00	....	....
Dec. 2	Belleville	81	....	30 00	....	....
" 2	Beaver	82	....	30 00	....	....
" 5	A. R. Narraway, Digest	....	....	....	....	2 50
" 15	Degree, Hamilton	2	....	5 00	....	....
" 28	Walkerton	84	....	30 00	....	....
" 30	Clinton	83	....	30 00	....	....
" 30	Exeter	67	....	....	9 46	2 50
1872.						
Jan. 3	Chatham	29	....	....	56 31	....
" 5	Gore	34	....	....	28 78	....
" 5	Frontier	45	....	....	38 17	3 00
" 5	Victoria	64	....	....	18 87	...10
" 5	Warriner	75	....	....	25 98	....
" 6	Lucan	70	....	....	14 03	2 50
" 8	North Star	68	....	....	6 68	....
" 8	Collingwood	54	....	....	11 06	3 00
" 9	Bissell	51	....	....	20 30	....
" 9	Brock	9	....	....	26 14	10 50
" 10	Union	16	....	....	42 86	6 25
" 10	Howard	58	....	....	37 70	....
" 11	Hope	69	....	....	2 30	....
" 11	Erie	33	....	....	17 87	...13
" 12	Unity	47	....	....	39 67	....
" 12	H. E. Buttery	....	....	....	....	2 50
" 12	Fidelity	55	....	....	34 68	3 00
	Napanee	86	....	30 00	....	....
" 15	Huron	62	....	....	29 00	3 00
	Eureka	30	....	....	61 40	7 00
	Forest City	38	....	....	65 87	....
	Dominion	48	....	....	35 28	..25
	St. Thomas	76	....	....	25 77	....

Statement of Receipts—Continued.

Date.		LODGE.	Number.	Miscellaneous.	Charter Fee.	Percentage.	Supplies.
1872.				$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.
Jan.	17	Constellation	85	.....	30 00	....	....
"	17	Niagara Falls,	53	.....	....	9 19	....
"	18	Florence Nightingale,	66	....	....	32 20	2 50
"	18	Corinthian,	61	....	....	40 80	4 50
		Eastern Star,	72	....	....	51 20	....
		Durham	78	.....	.....	37 78	32 22
"	19	Samaritan	35	....	....	31 92	.....
		Oxford	77	.....	.....	20 42	17 18
"	20	Excelsior,	44	....	....	34 20	6 12
"	24	Otter	50	....	....	17 98	1 02
		Avon,	41	....	.....	33 50	12 50
"	25	Hope,	69	....	.....	4 00	.....
		Canada,	49	.....	.....	52 89	.....
"	25	Covenant,	52	....	.....	41 79	6 00
		Queen City of Ontraio	56	....	....	42 80	....
		The Toronto,	71	....	.....	50 84	.....
"	26	Maple Leaf,	57	....	....	13 66	2 50
		Chatham,	29	....	....	....	8 60
"	27	Bothwell	74	.....	.....	17 68	11 82
		Kingston	59	....	....	25 13	3 00
"	28	Huron,	62	.....	....	....	6 00
		Wardsville	60	....	....	15 80	11 50
"	30	St. Marys	36	.....	....	23 29	.....
Feb.	1	Fergus,	73	....	....	27 82	....
"	9	Nipissing	79	....	.....	21 95	....
		Florence Nightingale	66	.....	....	....	6 00
"	10	Fergus	73	.....	.....	.....	1 80
"	16	Excelsior	44	....	.....	.....	3 00
		Reliance	89	.....	30 00	....	.....
"	28	Empire	87	.....	30 00	....	.....
Mar.	1	Olive Branch	88	.....	30 00	....	....
"	5	Union,	16	....	....	....	5 00
"	11	Canada	49	....	.....	....	6 00
"	18	Degree Lodge	3	.....	5 00	....	....
"	22	Belleville	81	....	....	12 29	....
April	4	Eastern Star	72	....	.....	....	3 00
"	4	Clinton	83	.....	.....	....	31 55
"	4	Friendship,	65	.....	....	29 87	.....
"	16	Ivy	90	....	30 00	.....	.....
		Barrie,	63	....	.....	8 00	.....
"	25	Fergus	73	....	....	....	7 75
		Friendship	65	....	....	....	9 32
May	2	2 Degrees, (Bruce)	.....	4 00	....	....	....
		Chatham	29	....	.....	.....	25
"	9	Beaver	82	.....	.....	....	36 00
"	16	Grand River	91	....	30 00	....	.....
"	15	Milton	92	....	30 00	....	.....
"	22	F. T. Barker	.....	....	....	....	3 25
"	30	Mt. Zion,	46	....	....	2 72	68
"	31	Western City	93	....	30 00	....	....
June	4	Queen City of Ontario	56	....	....	.....	12 50
"	5	Yale Degree Lodge	4	....	5 00	....	.....
"	21	Excelsior	44	.....	....	....	6 25

Statement of Receipts—Continued.

Date.	LODGE.	Number.	Miscellaneous.	Charter Fee.	Percentage.	Supplies.
1872.			$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.
June 26	Grand River	91	.....	.....	....	35 78
July 1	Canada	46	....	.....	.....	6 00
" 5	Constellation	85	....	.....	14 96	35 22
" 5	Gore	34	....	....	34 70	15 00
" 5	Empire	87	....	....	.....	20 60
	Wardsville	60	....	....	8 63	2 00
" 5	Fidelity	55	.....	.....	20 06	3 00
" 6	Port Stanley	95	....	30 00	....	....
" 8	Reliance	89	....	.....	43 19	34 87
" 8	Lucan	70	....	.....	19 03	14 25
" 10	Aylmer	94	....	30 00	....	....
" 10	Hope	69	....	.....	10 00	....
" 10	Bissell	51	....	....	17 62	3 93
" 10	Avon	41	....	.....	47 64	.....
" 10	Fergus	73	....	.....	26 11	6 82
" 10	Niagara Falls	53	....	....	19 10	3 00
" 11	Warriner	75	....	....	31 40	13 75
" 11	Howard	58	....	.....	31 70	.....
" 11	St. Marys	36	....	....	17 76	.....
" 11	Brock	9	....	....	22 33	....
" 12	Exeter	67	....	.....	11 53	2 50
	Huron	62	....	.....	23 45	3 00
	Napanee	86	.....	....	21 07	32 22
	Kingston	59	.....	....	20 40	6 00
" 13	Frontier	45	....	....	31 39	....
	Beaver	82	.....	....	24 23	.....
	Chatham	29	....	.....	56 08	9 00
	Western City	93	.....	....	13 05	33 62
	Durham	78	....	....	20 67	3 13
	Eastern Star	76	....	....	41 86	....
	Corinthian	71	.....	.....	36 75	7 97
	Erie	33	....	....	19 30	5 95
	Mt. Zion	46	....	....	5 07	10 27
" 15	Union	16	....	....	61 87	12 25
" 15	Empire	87	.....	....	18 84	36
	Aylmer	94	....	....	6 09	1 01
	Otter	50	....	....	32 52	14 23
	Ivy	90	....	....	32 87	14 98
" 16	Collingwood	54	.....	....	19 21	6 00
" 16	North Star	68	....	....	10 07	....
	Walkerton	84	....	....	23 00	32 30
	Maple Leaf	57	....	.....	14 50	....
	Florence Nightingale	66	.....	....	47 72	....
	Amity	80	....	....	43 72	35 42
" 16	Eureka	30	....	.....	78 88	....
" 16	St. Thomas	76	....	....	33 80	27 76
" 16	Dominion	48	....	....	52 08	3 00
" 16	Forest City	38	....	.....	84 66	.....
" 17	Warriner	75	....	....	.....	2 00
" 17	Belleville	81	.....	....	45 59	36 42
" 17	Unity	47	....	.....	54 58	19 50
" 19	Clinton	83	....	.....	25 09	75
" 19	Olive Branch	88	.....	....	28 88	28 71

Statement of Receipts—Continued.

Date.		LODGE.	Number.	Miscellaneous.	Charter Fee.	Percentage.	Supplies.
1872.				$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.
		Avon	41	.....	....	.....	5 50
July	20	Covenant	52	....	....	88 48	11 00
"	20	Canada	49	.....	....	63 47	....
"	20	Queen City of Ontario	56	....	.....	64 41	6 45
"	20	The Toronto	71	...	.....	36 50	6 00
"	20	Milton	92	....	....	9 61	32 87
"	22	Durham	78	....	....	...	10 00
"	23	Samaritan	35	...	.....	45 28	.....
"	23	Oxford	77	....	.....	20 86	75
"	24	Friendship	65	....	...	32 69	....
"	24	Avon	41	....	....	....	9 50
"	25	Victoria	64	.....	.....	20 68	1 48
"	26	Aylmer	94	....	.....	....	1 00
"	26	Nipissing	79	....	.....	19 48	....
"	27	Bothwell	74	.....	.....	14 72	....
"	29	Samaritan	35	....	....	....	2 50
"	29	Grand River	91	.....	.....	23 29	2 00
"	29	H. McAfee	..	....	.....	....	2 50
"	30	Oxford	77	....	.....	...	3 72
				4 00	560 00	3183 91	1073 37

J. B. KING, GRAND SECRETARY, IN ACCOUNT WITH SPECIAL RELIEF.

MEMBERSHIP.

1871.

To Cash from Eureka Lodge, No. 30,....		$ 33 33
" " Forest City Lodge, No. 38..		49 75
" " Gore Lodge, No. 34.....		47 38
		$130 46
By Draft on New York in favor of Relief Committee.....	$130 13	
" ¼ per cent. Commission	33	
		$130 46

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

GRAND LODGE OF MICHIGAN,
OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY,
JACKSON, December 15, 1871

J. B. KING, ESQ., Grand Secretary.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Yours enclosing draft, $130 80, gold, duly received Allow me, my Brother, to extend to you, and to Eureka, Forest City, and Gore Lodges, in behalf of our suffering Brethren and their families, heartfelt thanks for this goodly donation. Hoping that we may never again have occasion to ask aid out of our own jurisdiction.

I remain truly and fraternally yours,
F. M. FOSTER, G. Secretary,
G. L. Michigan.

WISCONSIN.

1871.

To Cash from Eureka Lodge, No. 38		$ 33 33
" " Gore Lodge, No. 34.....		49 75
" " Forest City Lodge, No. 38,		47 38
		$130 46
By Draft on New York in favor of Relief Committee..	$130 13	
" ¼ per cent. Commission	33	
		$130 46

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

GRAND LODGE OF WISCONSIN
OFFICE OF GRAND MASTER,
GREEN BAY, WISCONSIN, Dec. 21st, 1871,

J. B. KING, G. Sec'y., Brantford, Ontario.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Through the politeness of L. B. Hills, Grand Secretary of this State, I received your 11th inst., with gold draft for $130 13 for the "relief of brethren and their families distressed by the late fires in this State." In receiving from so distant a membership of our beloved Order, such generous and practical tokens of your friendship and fidelity to our cherised principles. Our hearts go out to you in gratitude and love, and we feel confirmed more than ever in the beouty and value of them. The teachings of the Golden Rule have taken firm hold in your jurisdiction, evidently, and we rejoice with you and are thankful. I am happy to state that our Brothers are being made comparatively comparatively comfortable during this Winter, they having erected dwellings and furnished them. It has been a fearful calamity, and nothing but the great heartedness of the brotherhood could have made their existence even endurable this cold weather. Many thanks to our Brothers there.

Fraternally yours,
THOS. LINDSLEY, G. M.

CHICAGO.

1871.					
Oct. 12	To Cash from Gore Lodge,	No. 34	.....	$ 105 00
16	" " Samaritan Lodge	" 35	.....	100 00
17	" " Howard Lodge	" 58	.....	25 00
17	" " Otter Lodge,	" 50	.....	20 00
18	" " Huron Lodge,	" 52	.....	191 50
18	" " Niagara Falls Lodge,	" 63	.....	90 20
18	" " Wardsville Lodge,	" 60	.....	13 00
18	" " Bissell Lodge,	" 51	.....	15 00
18	" " Collingwood Lodge,	" 54	.....	50 00
19	" " Fergus Lodge,	" 73	.....	100 00
19	" " Unity Lodge,	" 47	.....	100 00
19	" " Avon Lodge,	" 41	.....	100 00
24	" " Oxford Lodge,	" 77	.....	10 00
24	" " Union Lodge,	" 16	.....	100 00
24	" " Friendship Lodge,	" 65	.....	43 00
24	" " Florence Nightingale Lodge,	" 66	.....	50 00
24	" " Canada Lodge,	" 49	.....	125 00
24	" " Burlington Encampment		.....	25 00
31	" " Eastern Star Lodge,	" 72	.....	25 00
31	" " Eureka Lodge,	" 30	.....	33 33
31	" " Chatham Lodge,	" 29	.....	99 87
31	" " Excelsior Lodge,	" 44	.....	50 00
31	" " Covenant Lodge,	" 52	.....	125 00
31	" " Queen City of Ontario Lodge,	" 56	.....	40 00
31	" " Warriner Lodge,	" 75	.....	20 50
31	" " Forest City Lodge,	" 38	.....	100 00
31	" " Corinthian Lodge	" 60	.....	26 50
31	" " Brock Lodge.	" 9	.....	50 00
31	" " Bothwell Lodge,	" 74	.....	25 00
				$1857 90

Nov. 4.	By Draft on New York in favor of Relief Committee,	$1600 00	
Dec. 4.	do do do do do do	253 25	
	" ¼ per cent commission.....	4 64	
			$1857 90
Amount sent by Dominion Lodge, No. 48, direct to Relief Committee,			100 00
Total.....			..$1957 90

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.

ROOMS, RELIEF COMMITTEE, I. O. O. F.
CORNER HARRISON AND SANGAMON STREETS,
CHICAGO, November, 15th, 1871.

J. B. KING, Grand Secretary,
JAMES WOODYATT, G. R.,
A. D. CLEMENT, G. Treas.,
} Grand Lodge of Ontario.

DEAR BROTHERS,—Your esteemed favor of the 12th inst., enclosing gold draft in New York for $1600 00, contributions for Relief Fund for Odd Fellows in this city, by lodges of your jurisdiction, received.

Will you have the goodness to convey to every Lodge named, the grateful acknowledgements of the constituency we have the honor to represent, for we consider it a most exalted honor to be the almoners of the bounty of Brothers so freely bestowed upon the sufferers of this terrible conflagration. These offerings of Love upon the sacred altar of our Order, are precious beyond computation, for "It is the Altar that sanctifieth the Gift," and inspired as these benefactions are, by a sympathy born of a divine impulse, they glow with a radiance which will never be dimmed.

Our theories have been generally and gloriously vitalized and clothed in beauty, challenging the admiration of a world.

The breath of calumny dare not hereafter dim our purity—nor malice impugn our sincerity—nor bigotry asperse our motives.

Your sympathies, Brothers, are exceedingly precious, without them we must

have sunk under the weight and suddenness of our calamity. Your words—and still more your *deeds*—have inspired, sustained, and saved us.

May the great Father in His infinite mercy bless and prosper you and each Lodge in your jurisdiction according to their works.

Accept the personal regard and love of the Committee and especially of

Yours fraternally and gratefully,

E. B. SHERMAN,

Sec. Com. Relief, I. O. O. F.

ROOMS RELIEF COMMITTEE, I.O.O.F.
CORNER HARRISON AND SANGAMON STREETS,
CHICAGO, December 15th, 1817.

J. B. KING, M. W. Grand Secretary, I.O.O.F., Ontario.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Your esteemed favor of 4th inst. received with enclosure of draft, $253.25 as stated. It cheers our hearts to see how nobly the brothers of our Order have responded to our call. Words would fail to express the feelings of our hearts. God bless you brothers and our noble and beloved Order.

In the presence of the terrible calamity which has overwhelmed us, we have no time for formal thanks, but a whole lifetime for grateful recollections. May the blessings of those who were ready to perish but for your divine charity rest upon you and those you represent, as a heavenly benediction.

The magnificent beneficience of our Order throughout the country is making the symbol "I.O.O.F." a thousand-fold more significant and glorious than ever before. All donations committed to us will be regarded as a sacred trust, and systematically and judiciously expended to the relief of our suffering brothers and their families.

Gratefully and fraternally yours

E. B. SHERMAN,

Secretary Relief Committee, I.O.O.F.

J. WARD ELLIS, Chairman.
JNO. G. ROGERS, Treasurer.

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Brock	9	Brockville	17		3	13			1		89	20	109	20
Union	16	St. Catharines	30			13		8	2		182	6	188	29
Chatham	29	Chatham	42	4	1	15				1	140	9	150	14
Eureka	30	London	50		4	2		6	3		240	31	271	23
Erie	33	Port Burwell	15		1	5				7	60		67	13
Gore	34	Brantford	24	1		9		5		2	101	1	104	21
Samaritan	35	Ingersoll	40		1	16		8	1	6	105	24	135	9
St. Mary's	36	St. Marys	12		1	3		2		9	69	26	104	16
Forest City	38	London	60		3	8		13	3	7	249	8	264	16
Avon	41	Stratford	34	2		3	1	3		1	130	34	165	17
Excelsior	44	Hamilton	31	1		10		49		49	75	15	139	9
Frontier	45	Windsor	20		2	6	1	10	3		118	12	130	12
Mount Zion	46	Newbury	5				1	3	1		16	13	29	4
Unity	47	Hamilton	38	1		6		29			127	33	160	6
Dominion	48	London	38	2		6		1		2	127	18	147	9
Canada	49	Toronto	56	17		9		18	1	17	204		221	8
Otter	50	Tilsonburg	27	2		7		4		5	58	10	73	7
Bissell	51	Mitchell	21	3		6		5		3	53	20	76	6
Covenant	52	Toronto	64	2	2	2			2	10	194	40	244	8
Niagara Falls	53	Clifton	12	1		3		2		5	57	10	72	6
Collingwood	54	Collingwood	15	1		3		4	2	1	58		59	5
Fidelity	55	Seaforth	32	2		18		1		1	63	9	73	5
Queen City of Ont.	56	Toronto	66	1		27				26	134		160	5
Maple Leaf	57	Orangeville	15					4	2		40	20	60	5
Howard	58	Strathroy	43	4		4				1	84	17	102	4
Kingston	59	Kingston	32	2		12				1	62		63	3
Wardsville	60	Wardsville	14			2					28	11	39	4
Corinthian	61	Oshawa	28	1		6	2		1	2	94		96	5
Huron	62	Goderich	25			3		1	1		92	3	95	3
Barrie	63	Barrie	4			3					18	24	42	2
Victoria	64	Hamilton	21	4		3					32	22	54	5
Friendship	65	Petrolia	40	1		6	1	1			51	45	96	1
Flor. Nightingale	66	Bowmanville	50	1		7		1			82		82	3
Exeter	67	Exeter	14			1					28		28	2
North Star	68	Stayner	10			1					26		26	2
Hope	69	Harrietsville	8								19		19	1
Lucan	70	Lucan	27			4					43		43	3
The Toronto	71	Toronto	66	3		10			1		78	36	114	2
Eastern Star	72	Whitby	52	6		5			1		66	17	83	2
Fergus	73	Fergus	32	1		9					37	10	47	2
Bothwell	74	Bothwell	30	1		2					28	17	45	2
Warriner	75	Port Perry	41	11		1					62	1	63	3
St. Thomas	76	St. Thomas	54	4		8					54	2	56	5
Oxford	77	Ingersoll	41	0							51		51	2
Durham*	78	Port Hope	45	6		6					44	1	45	2
Nipissing *	79	Uxbridge	35	5		4					28	8	36	1

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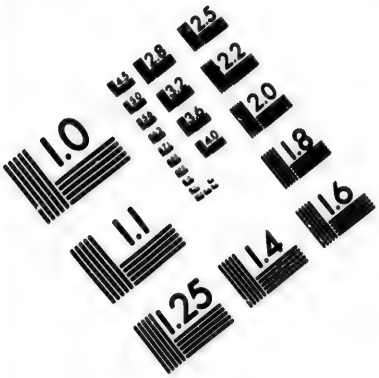

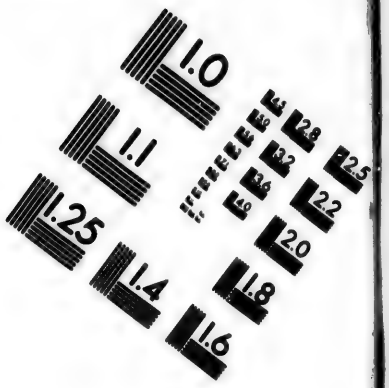

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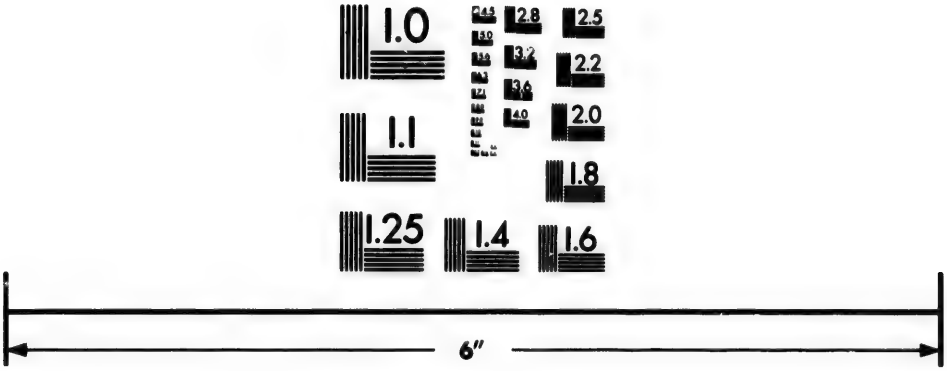

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Amity*	80	Prescott	45	13	...	1	..	...	..	..	57	...	57	2
Belleville*	81	Belleville	60	7	..	1	...	..	...	..	54	12	66	2
Beaver*	82	Ruthven	21	5	...	...	..	..	..	..	26	..	26	..
Clinton*	83	Clinton	25	10	...	4	..	..	..	..	31	...	31	1
Walkerton*	84	Walkerton	21	5	..	1	...	..	...	..	24	1	25	1
Constellation*	85	Burgesville	13	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	18	...	18	0
Napanee*	86	Napanee	26	5	..	...	1	...	..	...	15	15	30	1
Empire*	87	St. Catharines	26	12	..	..	..	..	..	..	38	...	38	3
Olive Branch*	88	Woodstock	31	6	...	..	..	..	..	..	37	...	37	1
Reliance*	89	Guelph	34	10	..	...	..		...	..	44	...	44	1
Ivy*	90	Park Hill	18	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	26	...	26	..
Grand River*	91	Paris	31	5	..	..	...	...	..	..	36	...	36	..
Milton*	92	Milton	6	6	..	..	...	..	..	...	12	...	12	..
Western City*	93	Chatham	15	10	..	..	..	..	...	..	25	...	25	2
Aylmer*	94	Aylmer	6	6	..	..	...	..	..	...	12	...	12	1
Port Stanley*†	95	Port Stanley												

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							$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c	$ c
Brock	9	6	85	2	6	..	.....	47 00	182 50	.....	15 00	244 50
Union	16	14	116	20	1	..	.....	362 00	70 00	.....	40 00	472 00
Chatham	29	16	212	8	1	2	58 00	117 00	20 00	20 00	22 00	237 00
Eureka	30	15	145	9	8	..	.....	447 00	330 00	.....	80 00	857 00
Erie	33	3	41	15	..	..	.....	346 25	.....	.....	.....	346 25
Gore	34	2	92	5	2	7	.....	32 04	42 00	87 50	.....	161 54
Samaritan	35	5	130	18	1	..	25 00	190 50	.....	.....	45 00	260 50
St. Mary's	36	4	65	4	..	..	.....	11 00	.....	.....	.....	11 00
Forest City	38	7	134	46	4	..	.....	533 28	160 00	.....	75 00	768 28
Avon	41	6	142	10	2	..	.....	120 64	60 00	.....	.....	180 64
Excelsior	44	4	92	7	3	..	.....	134 00	60 00	.....	.....	194 00
Frontier	45	1	86	29	6	..	.....	230 00	100 00	.....	105 00	435 00
Mount Zion	46	..	5	4	..	..	.....	58 35	.....	.....	30 00	88 35
Unity	47	9	145	5	..	..	79 00	114 00	.....	.....	50 00	243 00
Dominion	48	2	98	19	..	..	10 00	210 00	.....	.....	.....	220 00
Canada	49	9	135	19	1	..	42 00	169 00	43 33	.....	40 00	254 33
Otter	50	4	84	3	1	..	15 00	13 00	40 00	.....	.....	68 00
Bissell	51	3	71	7	..	..	.....	111 00	.....	.....	.....	111 00
Covenant	52	5	185	13	1	1	7 00	161 50	.....	.....	105 70	273 20
Niagara Falls	53	8	56	7	..	..	.....	21 00	.....	.....	.....	21 00
Collingwood	54	..	40	6	1	..	.....	54 00	30 00	.....	30 00	114 00
Fidelity	55	6	146	1	..	..	.....	9 00	.....	.....	.....	9 00
Queen City of Ont	56	3	192	6	..	..	.....	42 50	.....	.....	.....	42 50
Maple Leaf	57	..	35	4	1	..	.....	5 00	.....	.....	40 80	45 80
Howard	58	8	112	1	..	..	.....	19 00	.....	.....	.....	19 00
Kingston	59	3	144	..	..	..	.....	25 00	.....	.....	.....	25 00
Wardsville	60	..	50	4	..	..	8 00	26 00	.....	.....	.....	34 00
Corinthian	61	8	155	16	..	..	.....	132 00	.....	.....	.....	132 00
Huron	62	3	116	3	..	..	10 08	26 00	.....	.....	36 84	72 84
Barrie	63	3	6	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Victoria	64	2	56	1	..	..	.....	18 00	.....	.....	.....	18 00
Friendship	65	6	118	1	..	..	.....	3 00	.....	.....	.....	3 00
Flor. Nightingale	66	3	233	1	..	..	.....	45 00	.....	.....	.....	45 00
Exeter	67	..	56	1	..	..	.....	45 00	.....	.....	.....	45 00
North Star	68	..	22	1	..	..	.....	8 50	.....	.....	.....	8 50
Hope	69	..	40	1	..	..	.....	6 00	.....	.....	.....	6 00
Lucan	70	8	99	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
The Toronto	71	2	193	2	..	..	.....	43 00	.....	.....	.....	43 00
Eastern Star	72	18	249	..	..	..	10 00	.....	.....	.....	37 22	47 22
Fergus	73	3	120	1	..	..	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	5 00
Bothwell	74	7	90	3	..	..	.....	21 00	.....	.....	.....	21 00
Warriner	75	12	192	1	..	..	.....	12 00	.....	.....	.....	12 00
St. Thomas	76	4	134	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Oxford	77	2	66	..	..	..	6 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 50
Durham*	78	10	140	1	..	..	11 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	11 00
Nipissing*	79	3	76	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	20 00	20 00

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Amity*	80	2	137									
Belleville*	81	9	200									
Beaver*	82	1	67									
Clinton*	83	3	73									
Walkerton*	84	1	73									
Constellation*	85	1	42	1				6 00				6 00
Napanee*	86		42									
Empire*	87	6	15									
Olive Branch*	88	1	90									
Reliance*	89	2	103									
Ivy*	90	3	49									
Grand River*	91		79									
Milton*	92		35									
Western City*	93	2	21									
Aylmer*	94											
Port Stanley*	95											

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STATISTICAL TABLE.

NAME OF LODGE	Number of Lodge.	W. & O. Fund.		General Fund.		Annual Receipts.		Percentage.		DATE OF INSTITUTION.		
		$	c.	$	c.	$	c.	$	c.			
Brock	9	1085	18	477	75	703	02	48	47	5	March,	1846
Union	16	3800	44	8087	09	1527	66	104	73	16	"	"
Chatham	29	959	67	1492	80	1570	18	112	39	13	January,	1851
Eureka	30	1921	78	3700	35	2030	76	140	28	2	February,	"
Erie	33	587	00	800	66	413	23	37	17	5	October,	"
Gore	34	1147	05	1711	78	917	24	63	48	25	December,	"
Samaritan	35	914	28	2037	99	1074	94	77	20	13	January,	1856
St. Marys	36	2000	00	2055	05	603	26	41	11	6	November,	"
Forest City	38	2407	39	4127	09	2192	79	150	53	9	February,	1857
Avon	41	1000	00	1745	47	1156	50	81	14	9	January,	1861
Excelsior	44	571	00	1303	07	1041	81	73	07			
Frontier	45	105	94	472	43	1010	29	69	56	27	January,	1864
Mount Zion	46	133	36	632	22	88	00	7	79	18	January,	1866
Unity	47	487	59	1297	69	1339	92	94	25	3	April,	1867
Dominion	48	575	72	1654	80	1257	72	87	36	18	September,	"
Canada	49	492	41	2068	06	1337	47	63	47	14	January,	1868
Otter	50	686	79	202	84	697	76	50	50	16	March,	"
Bissel	51	.....		145	29	774	57	35	96	15	October,	"
Covenant	52	488	75	1658	40	1768	75	125	26	22	October,	"
Niagara Falls	53	270	31	546	09	394	81	28	29	20	April,	1869
Collingwood	54	102	17	277	90	431	71	30	29	7	October,	"
Fidelity	55	163	43	438	11	758	12	54	74	8	March,	1870
Queen City of Ont.	56	208	48	1154	93	1463	63	107	23	10	"	"
Maple Leaf	57	123	20	57	42	400	75	28	14	24	"	"
Howard	58	153	93	506	38	961	06	69	39	17	"	"
Kingston	59	70	50	213	04	614	78	45	53	14	April	"
Wardsville	60	56	97	71	03	362	37	24	43	26	"	"
Corinthian	61	154	11	0	16	873	31	77	54	5	May,	"
Huron	62	153	26	704	16	793	73	52	36	31	"	"
Barrie	63	.....	..	.....		167	48	15	61	31	July,	"
Victoria	64	53	70	247	24	523	60	39	05	22	August,	"
Friendship	65	112	78	478	00	849	21	61	56	13	January,	1871
Flor. Nightingale	66	89	57	6	4 52	1068	98	79	92	25	"	"
Exeter	67	17	19	100	00	289	62	20	99	27	"	"
North Star	68	32	10	.....		233	87	16	75	3	March,	"
Hope	69	22	32	69	80	220	62	16	22	23	"	"
Lucan	70	47	03	148	98	448	61	33	06	30	"	"
The Toronto	71	96	31	691	26	1173	61	87	34	8	May,	"
Eastern Star	72	175	90	339	84	1103	00	83	78	11	"	"
Fergus	73	59	25	80	41	726	04	53	93	31	"	"
Bothwell	74	20	00	95	65	447	12	32	40	23	June,	"
Warriner	75	53	20	320	45	755	56	57	37	27	"	"
St. Thomas	76	40	06	269	06	782	81	59	57	14	July,	"
Oxford	77	33	22	319	22	545	82	41	28	27	"	"
Durham*	78	44	41	355	85	771	05	58	44	18	August,	"
Nipissing*	79	16	78	94	87	779	96	37	05	12	October,	"

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		$	c.	$	c.	$	c.	$	c.		
Amity*	80	73	70	532	00	570	52	43	72	12 April	1871
Belleville*	81	.....	..	600	00	753	50	57	88	13 December,	"
Beaver*	82	8	63	148	53	294	30	24	23	12 January,	1872
Clinton*	83	18	42	82	14	328	29	25	09	16 "	"
Walkerton*	84	8	65	15	84	296	25	23	00	17 "	"
Constellation*	85	6	50	123	33	191	50	14	96	22 "	"
Napanee*	86	4	95	96	78	267	75	21	86	8 February,	"
Empire*	87	4	40	365	93	240	00	18	84	13 March,	"
Olive Branch*	88	2	50	225	76	363	75	28	88	14 "	"
Reliance*	89	16	85	303	86	555	50	43	19	15 "	"
Ivy*	90	4	31	4	14	191	56	14	98	24 April	"
Grand River*	91	3	10	160	36	294	25	23	29	31 May,	"
Milton*	92		90	107	50	121	00	9	60	11 June,	"
Western City*	93		30	125	40	163	50	13	05	13 "	"
Aylmer*	94	....	....	56	00	76	10	6	09	14 "	"
Port Stanley†	95	.....	..	.....		.....		.....			

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RECAPITULATION.

MEMBERSHIP.

Number of Lodges	66	
" Initiated	1864	
" Admitted by Card	206	
" Reinstated	18	
		2088
" Withdrawn by Card	294	
" Ceased to be Members, N. P. D	178	
" Expelled	7	
" Deaths	25	
		504
Net Increase		1584
" Of Members per last Report		3495
" Present Actual Membership		5079
" Of Members in arrears, *Suspended and Not Suspended*		755
" Contributing, or Members in Good Standing		4324
" Of which number there are of Past Grands		347
" Of Rejections		268
" Of Degrees Conferred		6025

RELIEF.

Number of Brothers relieved		309
" Widowed families relieved		39
Amount paid for relief of Brothers	$3979 56	
" " " Widowed families	1137 83	
" " " Educating Orphans	107 50	
" " " Burying the Dead	772 56	
" " " Special Relief	280 50	
Total Relief		$6277 95

FINANCE.

Balance in Grand Treasurer's hands, Aug. 6th, 1871	$2822 21	
Received for Charter Fees	560 00	
" Supplies	1065 72	
" Percentage	3183 91	
" Two Degrees	4 00	
Total		$7635 84
Less expended per Treasurer's Statement		3852 77
Balance on hand		$3783 07

Expended during the year.

Amount of Annual Receipts of Subordinate Lodges	$42,874 33
" General Fund " "	46,399 67
" Widow and Orphan " "	21,318 77

STATEMENT OF SUPPLIES.

Balance on hand, July 31st, 1871, at selling prices.

1 Institution Book	$ 1	50
3 Installation do @ $2	6	00
1 do Degree Lodge		75
6 Rebekah Rooks @ $2	12	00

24	Dismissal Certificates	25c	6 00
7	Receipt Books	1 75	12 25
7	Register do	4 00	28 00
3	Black do	1 75	5 25
6	Order do	1 75	10 50
19	Question do	1 75	33 25
2	Blank Returns	75	1 50
200	Notices of Rejection	75 per 100	1 50
448	P. G. Certificate	20 per dozen	7 45
706	Treasurers Bonds	50 do	29 50
441	Rep. Certificates	20 do	7 40
19	Blank Charters for sale		38 00
863	Propositions for Membership		12 93
1019	Reports thereon		15 28
3	Sets Interleaves for Digest		75
312	Applications for Supplies 15c per doz		3 90
9	Digests @ $2 50		22 50
	Stationery		10 00
	Total		$266 21

ASSETS OF THE GRAND LODGE.

Cash in Grand Treasurer's hands	$3,783 07
" Due by Subordinate Lodges	125 37
" Loaned to Grand Encampment	200 00
" Supplies on hand	266 21
	$4,374 65
Less amount overpaid by Lodges	2 43
Actual Assets	$4,372 22

AMOUNTS DUE BY SUBORDINATE LODGES, JULY 31, 1872.

Eureka Lodge	No 30	$ 3 25
Forest City "	" 38	3 25
Excelsior "	" 44	6 25
Frontier "	" 45	20
Otter "	" 50	22
Bissell "	" 51	1 00
Fidelity "	" 55	4 00
Maple Leaf "	" 57	3 00
Huron "	" 62	19
Victoria "	" 64	4 52
Bothwell "	" 74	18 25
Oxford "	" 77	2 23
Nipissing "	" 79	46 37
Beaver "	" 82	72
Constellation "	" 85	40
Aylmer "	" 94	31 61
Total		$125 37

AMOUNT OVERPAID BY LODGES.

Erie Lodge No. 33		$ 00 08
Mt. Zion " "	46	70
Unity " "	47	50
Friendship "	65	06
Empire " "	87	34
Grand River "	91	75
	Total	$2 43

The annual report of the proceedings of the following named State Grand Lodges have been received:—Vermont, Maine, Massachusetts, Oregon, Rhode Island, Kansas, Nevada, Michigan, New York, New Hampshire, Georgia, Colorado, California, West Virginia, Louisiana, Wisconsin, Indiana, Alabama, South Carolina, Kentucky, Nebraska, Arkansas, Minnesota, Virginia, Ohio, Lower Provinces of B. N. A. And of the following named Grand Encampments: Illinois, Ontario, Iowa, Maine, District of Columbia, Wisconsin, Ohio.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. B. KING,
Grand Secretary.

The R. W. Grand Treasurer then submitted his annual Report as follows:

REPORT OF THE R. W. GRAND TREASURER.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:

The undersigned would respectfully submit the Report of the receipts and disbursements of this Grand Lodge during the past year:

1871. DR.

Aug. 1st,	To Balance on hand	$2822 21
1872. July 31st,	To amount received from Grand Secretary to date	4813 63
		$7635 84

1871. CR.

Aug. 4th,	By Paid Grand Officers and Representatives, Mileage and Per Diem, Session at Toronto, 1871	$1235 84
"	"	Loan to Grand Encampment	100 00
"	"	W. Byron, Janitor	8 00
"	"	M. Blume, services	6 00
"	"	J. R. Robertson, printing 200 G. M.'s Reports	5 00
"	"	Siddons & Dawson, printing Report of T. Partridge, 1870	5 00
"	"	W. N. Ford, per account	146 22
12	"	Stewart & Mathison, printing G. L. Report	27 50
24	"	Grand Lodge U. S. account	512 57
Sept. 1	"	Erie Lodge, No. 38, Expenses instituting G. L. 1855	40 00
"13	"	J. Sutherland, Stationery	9 71
"15	"	Stewart & Mathison, printing Journal 1871, and Supplies	135 25
Oct. 3	"	J. L. Dalrymple, Desk for Grand Secretary	40 00
" 9	"	G. M. on account of expenses visiting Lodges	75 00
"30	"	Postage account	8 26
Nov. 18	"	Paid for 18 Copies of the A. O. F.	32 65

1872.				
Jan. 10	"	Postage account	18 26	
" 22	"	Stewart & Mathison, printing supplies for Subordinates	258 28	
Mar. 1	"	Stewart & Mathison, printing supplies for Subordinates	31 00	
" 6	"	J B. King, Incidental accounts	38 43	
"14	"	Jas. L. Ridgley, G. L. U. S. account	611 00	
April 1	"	Postage account	18 11	
May 2	"	Supplies from G. L. U. S. account	36 53	
June 1	"	J B. King on account of salary	250 00	
"11	"	Supplies from G. L., U S.	34 57	
July 1	"	Postage account	17 55	
"20	"	J. Sutherland, Stationery	20 00	
"27	"	G. L., U. S. supplies	17 42	
"31	"	J. B. King, Balance of Salary	50 00	
"31	"	J. B. King, Sundries	64 62	
				$3852 77
"31	"	Balance of Cash on hand		3783 07
				$7635 84

Fraternally submitted,

A. D. CLEMENT,
Grand Treasurer.

The Chair then named the following Standing Committees :

On Returns.—Reps. R. Kirkpatrick, J. F. Mórey, R. Barbour, Hugh Kerr, and George Midgely.

On Finance.—Henry McAfee, P. G. M., Reps. Hugh Blain, James Reynolds, George Wheeler, and G. W. Jessop.

On Laws of Subordinates.—H. C. Bingham, P. G. M., Thomas Partridge, P. G. M., Reps. Cl. T. Campbell, F. T. Barker, and Henry Robertson.

On Appeals.—H. C. Bingham, P. G. M., Reps. Thos. Woodyatt, H. McColl, Harper Wilson, and H. W. Murdock.

On Printing.—Reps. M. D. Dawson, J. B. Trayes, Hugh McColl, J. A. Campbell, and M. E. Snider.

On Legislation.—Reps. J. J. Dyas, T. Healey, Rev. J. Hurst, J. L. Davis, and George Powell, Senr.

On State of the Order.—James Woodyatt, P. G. M , Reps. James Heron, Isaac Smith, C. H. Hankinson, and Thomas McAdam.

On Mileage and Per Diem.—Reps. P. B. Hatch, J. J. Ramsay, George E. Patterson, Thomas Leadston, and John Ritchie, Jr.

On Petitions.—Reps. George Wright, W. A. Rawlings, E. Stoney P. G. Bender, and William Rodgers.

On Correspondence.—Reps. F. Fowler, Henry Gibson, Wm. Springer, John Dewar, and J. W. Jones.

Rep. J. Richmond, of Excelsior Lodge No. 44, handed in the returns and percentage of that Lodge, when the following, moved by Rep. M. E. Snider, seconded by Rep. E. Beltz, was adopted:

Resolved,—That the returns of Excelsior Lodge No. 44, be referred to the Committee on Returns, to be reported upon at once.

A petition from seven Scarlet Degree members of Watford, for a new Lodge, was read and referred to Committee on Petitions.

An appeal by J. Zimmerman, of The Toronto Lodge No. 71, on behalf of W. D. Kennedy, P. G., was read and referred to Committee on Appeals.

The following charge preferred by Mt. Zion Lodge against Wardsville Lodge No. 60, on motion, was referred to Committee on Appeals:

An appeal from James Reynolds and Wm. Mowatt, Reps. of Amity Lodge, No. 80, against the fine of $12, recorded against that Lodge, was read and referred to Committee on Appeals.

MT. ZION LODGE NO. 46, *vs.* WARDSVILLE LODGE NO. 60.

Mount Zion Lodge No. 46, I. O. O. F., charges Wardsville Lodge No. 60, with having violated the Constitution and ancient usages of Odd Fellowship, by initiating candidates residing some three miles nearer Mount Zion than that of Wardsville Lodge. Hoping that your honorable body, the Grand Lodge, will take action on the matter and give it your careful consideration, so that the matter will be fully settled; for without a final settlement it will have the tendency of engendering a feeling of animosity and jealousy between the above Lodges, that will be detrimental to Odd Fellowship in this section of Ontario. Until now the strictest feeling of harmony has prevailed.

We remain, yours fraternally,

[SEAL.]

JOHN D. ANDERSON, Rec. Sec. AMOS FENNELL, N. G

The following communication from the R. W. Grand Encampment, asking renewal of loan, was read and referred to the Committee on Finance:

J. B. King, Esq., Grand Secretary:

DEAR SIR & BROTHER,—I am instructed by resolution adopted by the R. W. Grand Encampment, to communicate with your R. W. Grand Lodge, asking them to continue the loan of $200 generously granted to the R. W. Grand Encampment at a previous session, for another year, as our funds are not yet sufficient to enable us to liquidate the claim.

Yours, sincerely and fraternally,

M. D. DAWSON,
Grand Scribe and Treas.

The Committee on Credentials submitted the following supplementary report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

Your Committee on Credentials, to whom was referred the certificate of E. G. Chant, of Durham Lodge No 78, of Port Hope, who attends in the place of J. B. Trayes, who is detained from attending this session, beg to submit that the certificate is in due form. We therefore recommend that the said P. G., Bro. E. G. Chant, be admitted as the representative of that Lodge.

We therefore submit the following:

Resolved,—That the foregoing report be adopted.

J. B. KING,
H. E. BUTTERY,
GEO. W. HARE.

The roll of Lodges was now called for the presentation of business, when the following were submitted and referred to the committee on State of the Order.

By Unity Lodge No. 47 :

At a regular meeting of Unity Lodge No. 47, the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. John Gibson, being present, stated in answer to a question, that no provision had been made by the Grand Lodge of Ontario for conferring the Degree of Rebekah on qualified Brothers and their wives. That any Officer in possession of the Degree might confer it. But that no Officer or Brother could be compelled to confer it ; any Officer or Brother might refuse to confer it if he choose. The Digest states positively, (see page 107, sec 502) that certain officers of a Subordinate Lodge must be in possession of the Degree before they can be installed.

QUESTION.—Whose duty is it to confer the Degree on the Officers elect.

By Unity Lodge No. 47 :

At a regular meeting of Unity Lodge No. 47, a candidate for admission to membership being balloted for was declared rejected—four black balls being cast against him. No objection was made to the ballot that evening. At the next regular meeting of the Lodge, four Bros. stood up and stated they were the Bros. who cast the black balls at the previous meeting, and requested a re-consideration of the ballot. By a vote of the Lodge it was allowed.

Question—Was the re-consideration legal ; no request having been made for one on the night the ballot was taken ?

A motion having been duly made, seconded and put to the Lodge by the N. G. in the chair—can any motion that does not actually amend the original motion before the Lodge be put as an amendment ?

By Clinton Lodge No. 88 :

Would it be legal for a Subordinate Lodge to elect to the office of N. G. a Scarlet Member in absence of all qualified Brothers, and all Past Grands refusing, without a dispensation from the *Grand Lodge* ?

By Walkerton Lodge No. 84 :

Can a Brother while acting in the capacity of an elective officer fill an appointed office at the same time.

The following, Moved by Rep. P. B. Hatch, seconded by Rep. M. D. Dawson, was adopted :

Resolved—That the Committee on Mileage and per Diem be instructed to compute the mileage for this session at the rate of four cents per mile and $2 per day.

Rep. J. J. Dyas from the Committee on Distribution submitted the following report which was adopted :—

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F. :

The Committee on Distribution beg to recommend that of the report of the M. W. G. M., clauses, 1, 3, 4, 6 and 8, be referred to the Committee on State of the Order.

Clause 2, to a special committee of five members.

Clause 5, to the Committee on Legislation.

Clause 7, to the Committee on Correspondence.

Of the report of the R. W. G. S., that clauses 1 and 2 be referred to the Committee on Petitions and Correspondence.

Clauses 3, 4, 7 and 10, the "Statement of Receipts" and "Recapitulation," to Committee on Finance.

Clauses 6, 8 and 9, and the "Statistical Table of Lodges," be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

Clause 11, and all other references to relief outside of the jurisdiction to the special committee on clause 2 of the M. W. Grand Master's report.

Clause 5, to the Committee on Returns.

All of the R. W. G. Treasurer's report to the Committee on Finance.

And append the following:

Resolved—That the above report be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES WOODYATT.
HENRY McAFEE.
J. J. DYAS.
R. BARBOUR.

The following, moved by Rep. M. E. Snider, seconded by Rep. H. Blain, was resolved in the affirmative:

Resolved—That permission be granted to "The Toronto Lodge" to wear regalia at a funeral this day, in answer to a telegram just read, and that a reply to that effect be at once sent.

H. McAfee, P. G. M., on behalf of Frontier Lodge No. 46, invited the Grand Lodge to a moonlight excursion on the river to-morrow evening (Thursday), which was, on motion of Rep. John Hunter, cordially accepted.

The chair named the Special Committee on Relief granted to out side jurisdictions, mentioned in the report of the Committee on Distribution, as follows:—Reps. M. D. Dawson, H. McAfee, F. Fowler, J. T. Hornibrook, and T. A. Tarrant.

The following report of the Committee on Returns was read and adopted:

To the R. W, Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

Your Committee on Returns, to whom was referred the returns of Excelsior Lodge No. 44, for the term ending 30th June, 1872, beg leave to report that we find the returns informal, inasmuch as the names and dates are not inserted in detail in the columns under the heads of *Initiated, Admitted by Card, Rejected, Withdrawn, and Ceased to be Members.* That the report does not bear the imprint of the Lodge Seal; that there is a doubt in the minds of your committee as to the figures in *total membership*, per last report 130, and present membership 139, being correct. Your committee are under the impression that the 49 members suspended should be added to the above, making it read: Total membership per last report, 179; present membership, 188. But this does not effect the number of membership in good standing, viz., 124, as reported. Your committee would recommend that the representatives from Excelsior Lodge No. 44, be admitted to seats, and that the report be returned in order to have the discrepancies filled up correctly, and would recommend that it be included in the Grand Secretary's report.

We therefore, submit the following:

Resolved,—That the above Report be adopted.

Fraternally submitted.

ROBT. KIRKPATRICK,
HUGH KERR,
GEORGE MIDGLEY,
R. BARBOUR.

Rep. J. O. Campbell, of Constellation Lodge No. 85, submitted the following, which were referred to the Committee on State of the Order:

1st—The Vice Grand of our Lodge was elected and installed, although his dues were unpaid. An objection was raised against his installation by the N. G., but the D. D. G. M., Bro. Symons, proceeded to instal him, his dues still remaining unpaid.

Question—What action should the Lodge take in the matter?

2nd—Our By-laws say five members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Question—Must these five members have the Scarlet Degree?

3rd—Can members arrange to omit a meeting on account of not having sufficient Scarlet members to form a quorum and return the full term?

Rep. Geo. Midgely submitted the following, which was referred to the Committee on State of the Order:

At a regular meeting of Unity Lodge held this evening, it was resolved, on motion, that the following question be submitted to the Grand Lodge for a decision:

Would it be contrary to the Constitution to have a By-law to read as follows:

On the decease of any *bona fide* member who at the time of his death was in good standing in the Lodge, the sum of $50 shall be allowed as funeral benefits, to be disposed of as provided by the Constitution. Also, the sum of $1 for each and every member of the Lodge in good standing, shall be likewise appropriated and paid to his nearest competent relative or legal representative. Each and every member of the Lodge shall be taxed the sum of $1 to reimburse the treasury, and if not paid within three months, such non-payment shall disqualify the brother from any Lodge benefits in the same manner as if he was in arrears for Lodge dues.

Rep. C. F. Pashley submitted the following, which was referred to the same committee:

A member of Lucan Lodge wishes to know if our Order has any recognized mode by which a member may ascertain whether a person with whom he is in correspondence by letter is a member of our Order, other than by a direct question to that effect.

Rep. Geo. Wright submitted the following, which was referred to the same committee:

A candidate is proposed, and proposition is referred to usual committee, which reports; the report is received and adopted; but previous to the ballot being taken, it is stated that the candidate is suffering from congestion of the lungs.

Is it competent for the Noble Grand, with the concurrence of the Lodge, to postpone the ballot for one week?

Rep. H. McColl, submitted the following, which were referred to the same committee:

1st—Is a brother entitled to get the semi-annual P. W. at the first regular meetings in July and January, until he pays the quarterly dues in full in advance?

2nd—Is he considered in arrears after he fails to so pay in advance?

3rd—What is the proper legal mode of electing Representatives?

4th—In case of a vacancy in any elective office, from any cause, must nomination, election and installation take place in accordance with the Constitution, as provided for regular elections, etc?

5th—Is a brother who takes a withdrawal card entitled to get with it the A. T. P. W.?

Rep. J. McFedries submitted the following, which were referred to the same committee?

Is it imperative on the N G. to refuse admittance to a member of another Lodge who has not the term password, while at the same time he has ample evidence that such brother is entitled to such password, being good on the books?

Can a brother be admitted on the travelling password alone, without card?

The following was referred to the Committee on Legislation:

Moved by Rep. G. W. Jessop,

Seconded by Rep. Wm. Rodgers,

That Clause No. 8 of Constitution, which reads: "The rejection of any candidate for membership shall be immediately intimated to every subordinate Lodge within the Province, and to the Grand Lodge of Ontario," be amended so as to read as follows, viz: "The rejection of any candidate for membership shall be immediately intimated to the Grand Lodge of Ontario, and in places where there is more than one Lodge, to the other Lodges in same place."

Rep. J.T. Hornibrook submitted the following, which were referred to Committee on State of the Order:

Can the D. D. G. M. give his decision before the N. G. has given his?

Can a Committee on Character report without first seeing the candidate in person and asking him the usual questions?

Rep. Thos. Renwick, submitted the following, which was referred to the same committee:

A candidate for admission by initiation, on being examined in the ante-room was found to be unable to sign his name.

QUESTION—Was it legal to initiate him?

Rep. J. McFedries, submitted the following, which was referred to the same committee:

Has the N. G. the right to withold the term P. W. from a member of another Lodge, who has an order for the same from his Lodge, while a charge is pending against such brother for misconduct.

Rep. Isaac Smith, submitted the following which were referred to same committee:

Is a Jr. Past Grand eligible for election as representative to Grand Lodge before the returns are made up, on the first meeting in July?

Has the N. G. the power to appeal to his Lodge to support his decision in opposition to D. D. G. Master's decision, on questions of dispute?

Rep. J. W. Jones, submitted the following, which was referred to the same committee:

Does clause 9, of article 2 of the Constitution of Subordinates, prevent application for admission being made to any Lodge of this Order, by a person who has been twice rejected?

Rep. G. W. Jessop submitted the following, which were referred to the same committee:

Can a Lodge elect a Degree Master when one is not provided for by its By-Laws?

Is it competent for a N. G. to give the term P. W. to a member of another Lodge on an order from the N. G. of the Lodge of which the brother is a member, when it distinctly says in the N. G.'s O. B. N. that he will give the T. P. W. to no one who is not a member of his Lodge.

Rep. J. O. Campbell, submitted the following, which was referred to same committee:

Can the proposer of a candidate be permitted to withdraw a proposition after the Investigation Committee report unfavorable.

Rep. Wm. Murphy, submitted the following, which was referred to the same committee :

Is it imperative for a brother joining a Lodge by card, in this jurisdiction, to have the Annual T. P. W., he having been a member of a Lodge in this jurisdiction.

Rep. Jas. Curle, submitted the following, which was referred to the same committee :

Has the N. G. of a Lodge power to retain the chair when degrees are about to be conferred, the Lodge having elected a Degree Master ?

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned until 3 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

GRAND LODGE ROOM, WINDSOR, August 7, 1872.

The Grand Lodge met and opened pursuant to adjournment.

Present—all the Grand Officers and a quorum of representatives.

Prayer, by the Grand Chaplain.

Minutes of morning session read and confirmed.

Rep. H. E. Buttery, from the Committee on Credentials, submitted the following report, which was adopted :

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Ontario :

We your Committee on Credentials, beg to report that they have examined the certificates presented by Bro. R. Griffiths, of Excelsior Lodge No. 44 ; Bro. James Gillis, of Exeter Lodge No. 67 ; Bro. Thomas. McAdam, of Maple Leaf Lodge No. 57, and find them in due form, and would recommend that the obligation be administered to them, and that they be admitted to this R. W. G Lodge as representatives of their respective Lodges.

We therefore submit the following:

Resolved,—That the foregoing report be adopted.

GEO. W. HARE.
H. E BUTTERY.
J. B. KING.

The following was submitted by Rep. W. F. Roome, and referred to the Committee on State of the Order :

After an Ancient Odd Fellow has deposited his card, a committee appointed, reported favorable, balloted for, duly elected and declared so, but before being introduced he demands his card, has the Lodge a right to give it back to him or not ?

Rep. E. G. Chant, submitted the following, which was referred to the same committee :

Is the Lodge Doctor expected to furnish medicine with advice ? Is it customary in the Order so to do ?

Is it advisable or expedient to admit Ancient Odd Fellows over the age of fifty ?

Would this Grand Lodge recommend or advise Subordinate Lodges to patronize the Benevolent Association of Hamilton ?

Rep. J. H. Glass, submitted the following, which was referred to the same committee :

Is a Scarlet Member who has not passed the Noble Grand's chair, eligible for the office of Vice-Grand in a regularly instituted Degree Lodge ? If so, can a

Vice-Grand so elected confer Degrees in the absence of the Degree Master ?

Rep. Wm. Lewis, submitted the following, which was referred to the same committee :

A brother of Excelsior Lodge gets his withdrawal card ; removes from the city ; within a year returns and wishes to deposit his card in Excelsior Lodge again. On submitting his card the N. G. decided that it was not necessary to ballot for the brother, though some of the brothers drew his attention to the fact that it was necessary to ballot. After taking the vote of the Lodge the N. G. declared the brother a member of Excelsior Lodge. At a subsequent meeting of the Lodge, the N. G. reversed his decision, and ordered the ballot to be passed ; the result of which was the rejection of the brother.

Did the fact of the N. G. having declared the brother a member of Excelsior Lodge constitute him one ?

Had the N. G. a right to reverse his first decision ?

Rep. John Ritchie, Jr., submitted the following, which was referred to the same committee.

If a brother receives from another brother the P. W. illegally, what is the correct action to take in the case.

The following, moved by Rep. E. G. Chant, seconded by W. N. Ford, P. G. M. was resolved in the negative.

That this Grand Lodge devote one-half hour each day to the secret work of the Order.

Past Grands Edwards and Gawler, of Washington, D. C. being in waiting, the Chair appointed a Committee who waited upon and introduced the visitors.

Reps. C. Vongunten and Robert Barbour, of St. Mary's Lodge, No. 36, submitted the following, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order :

The Representatives of St. Mary's Lodge, No. 36, I. O. O. F., would respectfully submit the following questions for decision. The case is as follows :

A brother's wife died ; the brother was in arrears to the amount of $1 50. Our new By-laws do not grant any funeral benefits for that purpose, the old By-laws did, and the omission of that clause was regretted by the Committee and the Lodge. The sympathy of the Lodge was with the brother to present him with a sum of money to help to defray the funeral expenses. A notice of motion was given that from that night two weeks, it shall be moved that the amount of fifteen dollars be granted to the brother. At the proper time the motion was put and carried by the Lodge. The N. G. demurred, and ruled the motion out of order, and wanted the case deferred for future consideration. An appeal from his decision was made to the Lodge and said appeal was sustained by the Lodge.

What action shall the Lodge take, if the N. G. still refuses to sign the Order? Or, is the N. G. justified in the course he is taking against the wishes of the Lodge ?

We append our By-laws with the questions to assist in the decision.

The following accounts were referred to the committee on Finance.

STRATFORD, Aug. 5, 1872,

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F., Dr.

To Buckingham & Matheson.

August 5, Printing 200 Reports of G. M.	$6 00
Paid express charges to Windsor	55
	$6 55

STRATFORD, August 7, 1872.

R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario I. O. O. F., Dr.

To John Gibson.

To expenses incurred to date, Official Visiting	$368 90
To Express charges, Telegraphing, &c.	25 60
To Post Office account	15 00
To James Woodyatt, visit to Barrie	13 60
	$443 10

BRANTFORD, August 3, 1872.

J. B. King, Grand Secretary I. O. O. F., Dr.

To C. E. Stewart & Co.

August 3, To printing 200 copies of Reports $28 00

The following, moved by Rep. J. J. Ramsay, seconded by Wm. N. Ford, P. G. M., was resolved in the negative.

Resolved, That it is advisable that a complete edition of the proceedings of this R. W. Grand Body, from its first annual session down to the present time, be stereotyped, for the future use of its membership, and that the question of funds for that purpose be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Rep. George Wright, from the Committee on Petitions, submitted the following Report, which was considered and adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

Your Committee on Petitions beg leave to report that they have examined the credentials of the Brothers petitioning this R. W. Grand Body for a dispensation to organize a new Lodge at Watford, and have found them correct, with the following exception, viz.: that the card of Augus Mitchell is signed on the margin by Joshua Saunders, and that of Joshua Saunders by Angus Mitchell.

We recommend that the prayer of the petition be granted with the necessary corrections.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

We therefore submit the following :—

Resolved, That the above report be adopted.

GEORGE WRIGHT.
W. A. RAWLINGS,
EDMUND STONEY,
WM. RODGERS.
P. G. BENDER.

Rep. T. Healey, from the Committee on Legislation, submitted the following report which was considered seriatim :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

The Committee on Legislation beg leave to present their Report :—

1—In regard to the first part of clause five of the Most Worthy Grand Master's Report, we recommend, and now give notice, that at the next meeting of the Grand Lodge, motion will be made to alter Article 2, clause 5, of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, so that after the words "shall be" in the sixth line, shall read as follows—75 or less, one representative ; from 75 to 150 two representatives ; and if 150 three representatives, and that three shall be the extreme number any shall elect.

2—In regard to the latter part of Clause 5, we would recommend the Grand Lodge to take no action.

3—In regard to the question of Representative E. G. Chant, of Durham, No. 78, we would recommend that Article 2, clause 8, of the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges, be so amended that it shall read "The rejection of any candidate for membership shall be intimated to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of

Ontario, at the end of each month during which the rejection takes place, and that in cities and towns, where there are two or more Lodges, notice shall also be sent to each of them during the week of such rejection.

And we would further recommend that the Grand Secretary be instructed to prepare a tabular form, on which shall be entered all rejections, expulsions, suspensions, &c.; to be sent by him to the Secretaries of the Subordinate Lodges at the end of each month.

The resolution of Representatives Jessop and Rodgers is embodied in the foregoing.

Resolved,, That the foregoing report be adopted.

T. HEALY, JOHN HURST,
J. J. DYAS, I. J. DAVIS,
GEORGE POWELL, Senr.

Clause 1 and 2—considered and adopted.

On the motion to adopt clause 3 of the report

Rep. W. F. Roome moved, seconded by Rep. Henry Gibson, in amendment the following which was not agreed to.

Resolved, That that part of the report relating to the notice of rejection be referred back to the Committee on Legislation for amendment, that is, striking off the latter part of the clause where it makes it imperative on the Grand Secretary to notify each Lodge once a month, as it is entirely unnecessary.

The report as a whole was then adopted.

Rep. F. Fowler, from the Committee on Correspondence, submitted the following report, which was adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

Your committee appointed to examine the correspondence respectfully report that they find the papers well arranged and properly endorsed. The committee had much satisfaction in perusing the correspondence about the relief afforded by our Lodge to our brethren in Chicago and Michigan, and are happy to note that geographical division is no bar to the practical exhibition of our sympathy for distress. Some correspondence has been laid before us about John McMath, and we find that the Most Worthy Grand Master, in a letter dated March 25, 1872, promised to bring the case under the notice of the Grand Lodge at its present session, but the papers laid before us are insufficient to enable us to come to any conclusion with regard to the case. The correspondence between the Grand Officers is voluminous, showing the Order has been in efficient hands during the past year.

We therefore submit the following :

Resolved, That the foregoing report be adopted.

FIFE FOWLER, M. D. HENRY GIBSON.
WM. SPRINGER, M D. J. W. JONES.
JOHN DEWAR.

Rep. H. Wilson, from the Committee on Appeals, submitted the following report which was adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

MOUNT ZION LODGE No. 46.
vs
WARDSVILLE LODGE No. 60.

Your Committee on Appeals beg leave to report as follows :

In the matter of the complaint of Mt. Zion Lodge No. 46, against Wardsville Lodge for receiving and initiating candidates residing nearer to Mount Zion than to Wardsville Lodge, No. 60, your committee find that it is clearly a violation of the Constitution, and of the usages of the Order, for any Lodge to initiate candidates within the jurisdiction of another Lodge, unless the consent of that Lodge be first obtained. They trust that such error may not again occur in this jurisdiction.

We therefore submit the following :

Resolved, that the foregoing report be adopted.

Respectfully submitted.

HARPER WILSON. H. W. MURDOCK.
R. WARRINER. EDMUND BELTZ.
H. McCALL.

Rep. H. W. Murdock, from same committee, submitted the following report, which was adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

AMITY LODGE No. 80,
vs.
J. B. KING, Grand Secretary.

In the matter of the appeal of Amity Lodge No. 80, against J. B. King, R. W. Grand Secretary, for inflicting a fine on the Lodge, according to the Constitution for neglecting to send in their report up to December 30th, 1871, at the proper time ; your committee find that Brother King was fully justified, and acting constitutionally in inflicting said fine ; but as the Lodge failed to send their returns, not from intentional neglect, but from a misunderstanding of the law by the D. D. G. M., who thus led the Lodge into error, we would recommend that the fine, amounting to $2, be remitted to the Lodge.

Respectfully submitted.

HARPER WILSON. H. W. MURDOCK.
R. WARRINER. E. BELTZ.
H. McCALL.

Rep. G. W. Hare, from the Committee on Credentials, submitted the following report, which was adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

Your Committee on Credentials beg to report, that Bro. W. B. Sanders is in the ante room without a certificate. We find his name on the returns of North Star Lodge No. 68, and recommend that he be instructed in the Grand Lodge Degree and admitted to a seat in the Grand Lodge as the representative of said Lodge. We therefore submit the following :

Resolved, That the above report be adopted.

GEO. W. HARE,
J. B. KING,
H. E. BUTTERY.

Rep. Thos. Rennick, submitted the following question, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order :

Is there any provision made for the widows or orphans of deceased brothers who were receiving an annuity at the time of the confiscation of subordinate Lodge property by Grand Lodge ?

H. C. Bingham, D. G. M., seconded by Rep. M. D. Dawson, moved the following.

Resolved :—That this Grand Lodge adjourn to meet at 8 o'clock this evening.

Rep. T. A. Tarrant, seconded by Rep. H. Wilson, moved in amendment the following which was adopted.

Resolved :—That the words "8 o'clock this evening," be struck out and nine o'clock to-morrow morning inserted.

The motion as amended was adopted.

The Grand Lodge adjourned accordingly.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY MORNING, Aug. 8, 1872.

Pursuant to adjournment the Grand Lodge met and was opened in due form. John Gibson, M. W, Grand Master, presiding.

Roll call, present—

JOHN GIBSON.....*M. W. Grand Master.*
JOHN MURRAY.....*R. W. Deputy Grand Master.*
JOHN HUNTER.....*R. W. Grand Warden.*
J. B. KING.....*R. W. Grand Secretary.*
A. D. CLEMENT.....*R. W. Grand Treasurer.*
JAMES WOODYATT.....*R. W. Grand Rep. to G. L. U.S.*
JAS. F McDONALD.....*R. W. Grand Marshall.*
JOHN SCHNEIDER.....*R. W. Grand Conductor.*
G. W. PONTINE.....*R. W. Grand Guardian.*
C. S. MALE.....*R. W. Grand Chaplain.*

And a quorum of Representatives.

Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.

The followingwas read and referred to the Committee on Grievances and Appeals :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

I, John McMath, beg to call your attention to an appeal made by me to your R W. Grand Body, through Representative Moore, in 1869, when said appeal was laid over for want of evidence ; such evidence I am now prepared to lay before you, and trust you will instruct your Committee on Appeals to hear my case.

Yours fraternally,

JOHN McMATH.

Rep. Jno. Ritchie, jr., submitted the following question, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order :

When is a candidate by card or initiation constituted a member of a Lodge when introduced, or after signing the Constitution and By-Laws ?

Rep. Irwin submitted the following, which were referred to the same committee :

Is a Representative to Grand Lodge an officer of his subordinate Lodge ?
Must a ballot be cast where there is only one brother in nomination for an elective office ?

Rep. M. Blume, submitted the following, which was referred to the same committee :

Has a D. D. G. M. any authority to decide a question submitted to him by a Lodge in his district, without the consent of and without first submitting such question to the Grand Master.

The following, moved by Rep. Henry Gibson, seconded by W. N. Ford, P. G. M., was resolved in the affirmative :

That a special committee be appointed by this Grand Body to take into consideration the advisability of erecting an edifice (to be known by some name approved of by this Grand Body), as a source of revenue, to be used as a supplementary fund for the relief of the distressed of this jurisdiction.

The chair named the following P. G. M.'s as the Committee: Jas. Woodyatt, H. McAfee, H. C. Bingham, James Smith, W. N. Ford.

Rep. C. S. Male, submitted the following, which was referred to the Committee on Legislation:

Is it advisable that some provision should be made to allow a brother joining a Lodge by card to entitle such brother to receive benefits without waiting six months, as now provided?

The following, moved by Rep. J. O. Campbell, seconded by Rep. E. Stoney, was resolved in the negative:

Resolved.—That this R. W. Grand Body authorize its Grand Representatives to the R. W Grand Lodge of the U. S. to use their influence with that R. W. Grand Body to so amend the Constitution of the State Grand Lodges that Past Grands of Subordinate Lodges who are not elected as representatives to Grand Lodge may not be permitted to vote on elections of officers for said State Grand Bodies.

Rep. G. W. Hare, from the Committee on Credentials, submitted the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Credentials to whom was referred the certificates of P. G. Alexander Mercer, of Samaritan Lodge No. 35, and Rep. John McNutt, of Beaver Lodge No. 82, beg to report that we find them in due form, and would recommend that they be instructed in the Grand Lodge Degree, and admitted to seats in this R. W. Grand Body. Therefore be it.

Resolved—That the above report be adopted.

Fraternally submitted.

H. E. BUTTERY.
G. W. HARE.
J. B. KING.

Rep. Chas. Lee, submitted the following which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

In balloting for representatives, if there are two or three of equal number, the lowest, should not the whole of them, or should any of them be dropped?

The following, moved by Rep. W. F. Sanford, seconded by Rep. James Kerr, was read and referred to the Committee on Legislation:

That clause 4, article II., of Constitution of Subordinate Lodges, be amended by striking out the word three and inserting the word two.

J. Spraggs, of Ann Arbor, Mich., P. G. M. and P. G. Rep., being in waiting, the chair appointed P. G. Masters Woodyatt, Jas. Smith and S. G. Dolson, a committee to wait upon and introduce the visitor which was done, and the brother received with Grand Honors.

The following, moved by Rep. J. W. Jones, seconded by Rep. Wm. Foster, was referred to the Committee on Legislation.

That Clause 9, Article 11., to the Constitution for Subordinate Lodges, be amended by striking out all after the word "rejection"

The following, moved by Rep. Sanford, seconded by Rep. J. W. Jones, was ruled out of order.

That our representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States be instructed to use their influence to secure such a change in the present form of obligations as to cause those taking them to realize more fully their binding power, and the solemn responsibilities attaching to them; also, such changes in the ad-

ministration of the higher degrees of the Order as shall make them more impressive and interesting than they are.

Rep. Cl. T. Campbell. submitted the following, which were referred to the Committee on State of the Order.

Resolved—That a committee be appointed to compile and print a Book of Laws, containing Constitution of Grand and Subordinate Lodges, Rules of Order, Instructions for Organizing Lodges, and such other information as they may consider advisable. The book to be sold to subordinates at cost price, for distribution among members.

Would it be advisable to appoint a committee to communicate with the Grand and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments throughout the Dominion, and with such other bodies or persons as they may see fit, with a view to ascertain the desirability of establishing a Sovereign Jurisdiction for Canada, according to the provisions of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States?

The following, moved by Rep. Cl. T. Campbell, seconded by P. G. M., W. N. Ford, was resolved in the affirmative:

That the notice of motion appearing on page 794, Journal 1871, be referred to Committee on Legislation.

P. G. M., W. C. Earl, of Ohio, being in waiting, the chair appointed Past Grand Masters Jas. Woodyatt, Jas. Smith and R. Wigmore as a committee to introduce the distinguished visitor, which was accordingly done, and the brother received with the Grand Honors.

Rep. Robert Kirkpatrick, from the Committee on Returns, submitted the following Report which was considered and adopted:—

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Returns submit as follows:—That Brock Lodge. No. 9 has failed to insert the date of their report.

In reference to Chatham Lodge, No. 29, we find that there is an error in the item of W. & O. Funds in hand which should read $11 88.

Report of Eureka Lodge, No. 30, did not fill out dates of rejected applicants and deceased members.

Report of Erie Lodge, No. 33, error in membership, should read 61 instead of 65.

Report of St. Marys Lodge, No. 36, error in per centage, should read $23 35 instead of $23 29. Error in membership, should read 91 instead of 96.

Report of Forest City Lodge, No. 38, reports seven members ceased and only six names given

Report of Avon Lodge, No. 41, the amount of Widow and Orphan and General Funds not given.

Report of Mt. Zion Lodge, No. 46, for the term ending 30th of June, 1872, error in per centage, $1 27 too much sent to Grand Secretary.

Report of Canada Lodge, No. 49, error in membership, reads 204 should be 205.

Report of returns of Bissel Lodge, No. 51, for term ending 31st December 1871, membership reported 48, should be 46.

Report of Covenant Lodge, No. 52, for term ending 31st Dec., 1871, reads 170 membership, should read 201.

Report of Niagara Falls Lodge, No. 53, reports 57 members in good standing and only returns $25 89 in dues.

Report of Collingwood Lodge, No. 54, for term ending 31st December, 1871, not signed by Vice-Grand.

Report of Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 57, term ending 31st December 1871, membership stated 29, should be 28.

Report of Howard Lodge, No. 58, claims three representatives, only entitled to two—difference corrected.

Report of Kingston Lodge, No. 59, term ending 31st December, 1871, no General Funds given. nor record of relief; and term ending June 30th 1872, error

in per centage returned $31 88, should be $20 40. Error corrected by Grand Sec.

Report of Wardsville Lodge, No. 60, term ending 31st December 1871, error in per centage returned $15 80, should be $16 32.

Report of Corinthian Lodge, No. 61, for term ending 31st December, 1871, error in per centage returned $40 80, should be $26 11.

Report of Victoria Lodge, No. 64, for term ending 30th June, 1872, report not signed by N G., V. G., and no seal of Lodge.

Report of Friendship Lodge, No. 65, term ending 31st December, 1871, no dates given of rejected candidates.

Return of The Toronto Lodge, No. 71, term ending 31st December, 1871, date of death of deceased brother not given, and no funeral benefits stated.

Report of Bothwell Lodge, No. 74, term ending 31st December 1871, error in per centage returned, $18 32, should be $17 68.

Report of Belleville Lodge, No. 81, term ending 31st December, 1871, names of initiated members not given.

Report of Beaver Lodge, No. 82, term ending 30th June, 1872, error in per centage sent, $24 50 should be $24 33.

Report of Napanee Lodge, No, 86, term ending June 30th, 1872, no entry made for moneys received for cards.

Report of Reliance Lodge, No. 89, term ending 30th June, 1872, names of Charter members not entered.

Report of Ivy Lodge, No. 90, for term ending 30th June, 1872, names of Charter members not given, and only $6 00 charged for four members admitted by card.

Your Committee would most respectfully recommend that all the errors contained in the foregoing reports be referred back to the respective Lodges for correction, except in those cases where the Grand Secretary has made the necessary alterations and corrections.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

And we therefore submit the following:

Resolved, That this Report be adopted.

ROBERT KIRKPATRICK, HUGH KERR,
R. BARBOUR, JAS. F. MOREY,
GEORGE MIDGLEY.

P. G. M. James Woodyatt, from the Committee on the State of the Order, submitted the following Report, which was considered *seriatim* and adopted :—

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

Your Committee on the State of the Order, beg leave to report :—

1st—On the question of Representative Jones, of Dominion Lodge, No. 48, as follows :—

"Does clause 9 of Article 2 of the Constitution of Subordinates prevent application for admission being made to any Lodge of this Order, by a person who has been twice rejected ?"

We reply, Yes.

2nd—On the question of Representative Jessop, of Reliance Lodge, No. 89, as follows :—

"Can a Lodge elect a Degree Master, when one is not provided for by its By-Laws ?"

We reply, No.

3rd—On the question of Representative Jessop, as follows :—

"Is it competent for a N. G. to give the term P. W. to a member of another Lodge, on an order from the N. G. of the Lodge to which the brother is a member ?"

We reply, Yes, when the order is verified by the seal of the Lodge.

4th—On the question of Representative Murphy, of Wardsville Lodge, No.60 as follows :

"Is it imperative for a brother joining a Lodge in this jurisdiction, by card, to have the A. T. P. W., he having been a member of a Lodge in this jurisdiction ?"

We reply, Yes.

5th—On the question of the Representatives of Brock Lodge, No. 9, as follows :—

"Has the N. G. of a Lodge power to retain the Chair when Degrees are about to be conferred, the Lodge having elected a Degree Master ?"

On this subject we can find no legislation, and therefore reply, Yes; but that it would be inexpedient for the N. G. to do so.

We respectfully submit the following : –

Resolved, That the above Report be adopted.

JAMES WOODYATT, T. MACADAM,
JAMES HE ON, C.H.HANKINSON,
H. C. BINGHAM.

Rep. C. H. Hankinson, from the same Committee, submitted the following Report, which was considered *seriatim*, and adopted :—

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario :

Your Committee on the State of the Order, submit as follows :—

1st—Huron Lodge, No. 6, presents the following question :—

"A candidate for admission by initiation on being examined in the outer room was found to be unable to sign his name ; was his admission legal ?"

We reply, Yes.

2nd—From Walkerton Lodge No 84 :—

"Can a brother while acting in the capacity of an elective officer fill an appointed office at the same time ?"

We reply, no brother can be installed in two offices.

3rd—From Chatham Lodge, No. 29 :

"Is a Jr. P. G. eligible for election as Representative to G. L. before the returns are made out on the first meeting in July ?"

We reply, Yes.

4th—"Has the N. G. the power to appeal to this Lodge to support his decision,in opposition to the D. D. Grand Master's decision ?"

We reply, No.

5th—From Clinton Lodge, No. 83 :—

"Would it be legal for a Subordinate Lodge to elect to the office of N G. a Scarlet Member, in the absence of all qualified brothers, without a dispensation from the Grand Lodge ?"

We reply, Yes, by dispensation from the D. D. G. Master.

We therefore submit the following :

Resolved, That this report be adopted.

C. H. HANKINSON,
JAMES HERON,
T. MACADAM,
JAMES WOODYATT.

P. G. M. and P. G. Rep. F. M. Foster of Michigan, being in waiting the Chair appointed P. G. M. McAfee and D. G. M. John Murray, a Committee to introduce the distinguished visitor which was done, and the Brother received with Grand Honors.

P. G. M., H. C. Bingham, from the Committee on the State of the Order, submitted the following Report which was considered *seriatim* and adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario :

The Committee on the State of the Order submit the following report on questions from Howard Lodge, No. 58 :

1st—"Is a brother entitled to get the semi-annual P. W. at the first Regular meetings in July and January, until he pays the quarterly dues in full in advance ?"

We reply, No, because the By-Laws of that Lodge require the dues to be paid quarterly in advance.

2nd—"Is he considered in arrears after he fails to so pay in advance?"
We reply, Yes.

3rd—"What is the proper legal mode of electing Representatives?"
To this we reply by particular reference to clause 7 of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, clause 8, article 3, of the Constitution of Subordinates, and clause 11 of the By-Laws of Howard Lodge.

4th—"In case of a vacancy in any elective office from any cause, must nomination, election and installation take place in accordance with the Constitution as provided for regular elections, &c.?"
We reply, Yes; except that installation may take place upon the night of election, in the case of filling a vacancy.

5th—Is a Brother who takes a withdrawal card entitled to get with it the A. T. P. W.?"
We reply, Yes.

We therefore submit the following:

Resolved, That the foregoing report be adopted.

H. C. BINGHAM, JAMES WOODYATT,
JAMES HERON, T. MacADAM,
C. H. HANKINSON.

Rep. James Heron, from the same Committee, submitted the following Report, which was considered *seriatim*, and adopted:—

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:

We, your Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was submitted the following questions submit as follows:—

1st—By Corinthian Lodge, No. 61:—
"Has the N. G. the right to withhold the term P. W from a member of another Lodge, who has an order for the same from his own Lodge, while a charge is pending against said brother?"
Answer, Yes. See digest, section 672, defining *good standing*.

2nd—By Covenant Lodge, No. 52.
"Can the D. D. G. M. give his decision before the N. G. has given his?"
Answer, No.

By the same Lodge—"Can a Committee on Character report without first seeing the candidate in person, and asking him the usual questions?"
Answer, they should not.

We therefore submit the following.

Resolved, That the above report be adopted.

Fraternally submitted.

JAMES HERON, C. H. HANKINSON
H. C. BINGHAM, T. MacADAM,
JAMES WOODYATT.

Rep. J. Heron from the same Committee, submitted the following Report, which was considered *seriatim*, and adopted:—

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:

We, your Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred Clauses Nos. 6, 8 and 9 of the Grand Secretary's Report, submit as follows:—

On Clause 6—Your Committee are of opinion that if the suggestions of the R. W. G. Secretary, were more generally carried out, they would have a very beneficial effect on the well-being of the Order at large.

On Clause 8—Your Committee would congratulate the Grand Lodge on receiving the books and papers of Burlington Lodge after so long a lapse of time.

On Clause 9—Your Committee believe that the sheet of instructions, prepared by the Grand Secretary, will result in benefit to the Order.

We therefore submit the following :—

Resolved, That the above report be adopted.

Fraternally submitted.

JAMES HERON, JAMES WOODYATT
H. C. BINGHAM, T. MacADAM,
C. H. HANKINSON.

Rep. Thomas MacAdam, from the same Committee, submitted the following Report, which was considered *seriatim, and adopted :*

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario :

Your Committee on the State of the Order submit the following,—

1 On the question of Constellation Lodge, No. 85, as follows :

"Can a proposer of a Candidate be permitted to withdraw a proposition after the Investigating Committee report unfavorably ?"

To this question your Committee reply, No.

2. On the question of Unity Lodge No. 47, as follows :

"Would it be contrary to Constitution to have a By-law to read as follows : On the decease of any *bona-fide* member, who, at the time of his death, was in good standing in the Lodge, the sum of fifty dollars shall be allowed as a funeral benefit, and be disposed of as provided by Constitution ?"

To this question your Committee answer, No.

3. On the question of Unity Lodge No. 47, as follows :

"Would it be contrary to Constitution to have a By-law to read as follows : The sum of one dollar for each and every member of the Lodge in good standing shall be likewise appropriated and paid to his nearest competent relation, or legal representative ; each and every member of the Lodge shall be taxed to the sum of one dollar to reimburse the treasury, and if not paid within three months such non-payment shall disqualify the brother from any Lodge benefits in the same manner as if he was in arrears for Lodge dues ?"

To this your Committee answer, Yes.

4. On the question of Constellation Lodge No. 85, as follows :

"The Vice-Grand of our Lodge was elected and installed, although his dues were unpaid. An objection was raised against his installation by the Noble Grand, but the D. D. G. M., Brother Symons, proceeded to instal him. His dues still remain unpaid. Question : What action should the Lodge take in the matter ?"

To this question your Committee answer : Prefer a charge against the D. D. Grand Master.

5. On the question of Constellation Lodge No. 85, as follows :

"Our By-laws say five members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business Question : Must those five members have the Scarlet Degree ?"

Your Committee answer, No, unless By-laws so require.

6. On the question of Constellation Lodge No. 85 :

"Can members arrange to omit a meeting on account of not having sufficient Scarlet Members to form a quorum and return the full term ?"

The answer to question No. 5, renders answer to this unnecessary.

We therefore submit the following :

Resolved,—That the foregoing report be adopted.

T. MacADAM, JAMES WOODYATT,
JAMES HERON, H. C. BINGHAM,
C. H. HANKINSON.

Rep. James Reynolds, from the Committee on Finance submitted the following report which was considered *seriatim*, and adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, :

The Finance Committee desire to submit the following Report :

They recommend 1st—That the action of the R. W. Grand Secretary in procuring the necessary desks for the use of Grand Lodge (as mentioned in Section 3 of his report), in transmitting returns and representative tax to the Grand Lodge of the U. S., and in procuring supplies (as stated in the 10th section of his report), be approved.

2· That the loan of $200 to the Grand Encampment be renewed for another year, in accordance with the desire expressed in the communication from that Grand Body.

3. That while the expenses of the Grand Lodge during the past year have been very reasonable and marked with due economy, your Committee are of opinion that if the Province was judiciously divided into districts, and suitable brethren appointed as District Deputy Grand Masters, the M. W. G. M. would be saved a great deal of unnecessary trouble, and the Grand Lodge large expense for the visitation of Subordinate Lodges.

4. That the books of the R W. Grand Secretary and R. W. Grand Treasurer have been examined by your Committee and found correct, though some typographical errors and other mistakes occur in the printed reports of those well tried and efficient officers, which your Committee have corrected-

5. Your Committee also recommend the payment of the following accounts which they have examined and found correct, viz :

C. E. Stewart, printing Grand Secretary's Report, $28.00 ; Buckingham & Matheson, printing Grand Master's Report $6.55 ; the R. W. Grand Master's account, travelling expenses, &c., for the year, $443.10.

6. With respect to the "Recapitulation" in the R W. Grand Secretary's Report, your Committee have no means of ascertaining the correctness of the memberhips or amounts paid for relief, but find the Treasurer's statement correct which shows the sum of $3783.07 in the hands of the R. W. Grand Treasurer.

7. That in view of the great increase of labor devolving upon the Grand Secretary and the great importance of the office, your Committee are of opinion that his salary should be augmented by one hundred dollars for the current year.

We therefore submit the following :

Resolved,—That the foregoing report be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

H. McAFEE, H. BLAIN,
JAS. REYNOLDS, G. W. JESSOP,
GEORGE WHEELER.

Rep. M. E. Snider, submitted the following, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

"Has the officer instituting a Degree Lodge the power to take the name of a Charter member off of the Charter, he being absent at the time of institution, sickness being the cause of the absence.

Rep. J. O. Campbell submitted the following, which was referred to the same Committee :

"The Vice Grand of Constellation Lodge No. 85, was elected and installed while in arrears: can he hold his position, or must the office be declared vacant and another election had ?"

P. G. M.'s, F. M. Foster, D. W. Dean, J. Spragge, and W. C. Earl, R. W. Grand Secretary, of Ohio, addressed the Grand Lodge, and were most attentively listened to.

James Woodyatt, Grand Representative to G. L. U. S., submitted the following report, which was referred to a special committee :

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES' REPORT.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

Your Representatives to the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States, in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution and custom of the Grand Lodge, submit the subjoined synopsis of the proceedings of the last session of that Right Worthy Grand Body, held at the city of Chicago, in September last.

On arriving at the hall provided for the use of the Grand Lodge, an address of welcome was delivered by John G. Rogers, Past Grand Master, on behalf of the brotherhood of the State of Illinois, and was responded to by Fred. D. Stuart, Most Worthy Grand Sire, in an able manner.

The following decisions were made by the Most Worthy Grand Sire during recess, viz.:

The initiation of a candidate is only complete (finished), when he has been introduced to the Lodge.

1st.—When an officer is under charges, his functions as such cease until the question of his guilt or innocence has been determined by the Lodge.

2nd.—A Noble Grand has no right to refuse to put any legitimate question to his Lodge—his differing from the Lodge has nothing to do with the matter.

3rd.—It is a brother's right to vote a secret ball ballot; he may conceal or expose the character of his vote, at his pleasure.

4th.—Every brother present in a Lodge or Encampment is obliged to vote, unless excused by the Lodge or Encampment, and no particular number of votes is necessary, so long as a quorum is present.

5th.—There is no reason why persons akin to each other, no matter how close the relation, should not hold office at the same time in the same Lodge.

6th.—Officers elect having been examined in the ante-room, when they enter for installation, do not address the chairs.

7th.—There is no law against installing officers in any suitable hall, outside the Lodge room, provided the form of public installation is used.

8th.—Questions of law must go from Subordinate Lodges to the District Deputy or Grand Master. After a Grand Master has decided a question for a Subordinate Lodge, said Lodge, if not satisfied, can only seek redress by an appeal properly presented to the Grand Lodge, and said Lodge must abide the decision of the Grand Master until said decision is reversed by the Grand Lodge of the Jurisdiction.

9th.—A Subordinate Lodge is the proper tribunal to try all delinquency where the charge is cognizable under the laws.

10th.—A brother withdrawing from his Lodge for the purpose of establishing (with others) a new Lodge, and failing to appear when the Lodge is instituted, cannot be considered as one of the charter members. If he wishes to join that or any other Lodge, his card must be presented regularly, and he must be balloted for according to law.

11th.—No Lodge or Encampment has a right to refuse a dismissal certificate to a suspended member who makes proper application for the same. The laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States insure to him this right, and Subordinate Bodies must conform to them.

12th.—No brother can visit the Grand Lodge of the United States except upon a voucher from a representative from the State from which he hails, and no representative is authorized to vouch for any visitor, unless he is in good standing in his Lodge and Encampment, is a Past Grand, and in possession of the Royal Purple Degree; and by being a Past Grand is meant having the Grand Lodge Degree, inasmuch as it would be absurd to admit a visitor to the Grand Lodge of the United States, who was not qualified to visit a State Grand Body.

13th.—The Grand Lodge of a State has no power to appoint a committee of the Grand Lodge to try a brother of a Subordinate Lodge. It may, however, order a Subordinate Lodge to try a member, and to the order the Subordinate Lodge must yield obedience.

14th.—A Lodge may appoint or elect a Chaplain, and he would be called an officer because he holds an office, but holding that office would not make him eligible for an elective office.

15th.—All voting in the Subordinate and Degree Lodges is by the U. S. of an O. F., unless otherwise provided. The exception is not alone to a ballot for membership, as the decision of the Grand Sire, 1869, would seem to indicate, but to advancing to degrees, balloting for withdrawal cards, suspending or expelling members, and reinstating them, electing officers, reconsidering a ballot for membership, when the Yeas and Nays are ordered, etc., in which cases provision is made by law for voting otherwise.

16th.—The honors are given to elective Past Grand Officers visiting outside of their own jurisdictions, after they have been recognized (addressed the chairs), and have been introduced to the Noble Grand by name and rank.

17th.—The Grand Sire has no authority to revive a defunct Encampment instituted by a Grand Encampment, which is itself defunct.

18th.—Any brother who has retired and wishes to re enter the Lodge (the same evening) may use the Vice-Grand's P. W., or the P. W. of the current term for that purpose.

19th.—The Warden's position is in front of the R. S. of the Noble Grand, and he cannot deliver his charge from any other place, without a violation of law.

20th.—A Past Grand Master has a right to announce his title as such at the inner door when visiting a Subordinate Lodge on ordinary occasions, but he is not entitled to the honors of the Order unless he visits on official business, which he should announce. Rank refers to the highest grade or title attained.

21st.—Members holding expired withdrawal cards are competent applicants for Charters for new Lodges. There is no limit to the age of the card.

22nd.—A member of one Lodge can prefer charges against a member of another Lodge. He may submit his complaint to his own Lodge, which should demand or request an investigation of the charges by the Lodge to which the brother charged belongs. Or the brother complaining, may place the charges in the hands of any member of the Lodge to which the accused belongs, and the said brother would have a right and should lay them before his Lodge, and the Lodge should take action.

23rd.—There is no law preventing members holding dismissal certificates from being applicants for Charters for new Lodges.

24th.—There is no authority for an Elective Officer of a State

Grand Body to introduce into a Subordinate Lodge a brother holding an expired withdrawal card—it cannot be done legally.

Decisions numbers 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9. 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23 and 24, were sustained. Numbers 1 and 17 were reversed. Numbers 3, 8 and 11 were amended as follows: All after the word ballot in No. 8 to be stricken out. Number 8 to read thus:

No Lodge or Encampment subordinate to any State or Territorial Grand Lodge or Encampment has a right to present questions of law direct to the Most Worthy Grand Sire for his decision. All such questions must go through the channel provided by the local law.

Number 11 to read as follows:

No Lodge or Encampment has the right to refuse a Dismissal Certificate to a member suspended for non-payment of dues, and who makes proper application for the same. The Laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States insure to him this right, and Subordinate Lodges must conform to them.

And in lieu of decision No. 22, the following resolution was substituted and adopted:

Resolved,—That in the absence of any local regulation upon the subject, a member of one Subordinate Lodge or Encampment desiring to prefer a charge or charges against a member or members of another Subordinate Lodge or Encampment, shall present such charge or charges in the usual form to the Subordinate Lodge or Encampment, if he (the accuser) is a member. Said Lodge or Encampment shall forthwith forward to the Lodge or Encampment to which the accused may belong, a certified copy of the charge or charges, over the signatures of the Noble Grand and Secretary, or the Chief Patriarch and Scribe, and attested by the seal of the Lodge or Encampment, and the Lodge or Encampment to whom such charge or charges shall be sent shall proceed to hear and determine the same in like manner, as if preferred by a member of its own body.

The M. W. Grand Sire also drew the attention of the officers and members of the Grand Lodge to the following resolutions, emanating from the Legislative Committee, which was adopted, and which read as follows:

Resolved,—1st. That no member of the Order shall either directly or indirectly use or sanction the use of the emblems, the name of any of the titles or the mottoes or the initials thereof of this Order, in the prosecution of any private business or enterprise.

Resolved—2nd. That no member or officer of any Lodge or Encampment of this Order shall either directly or indirectly use or permit the use of his name as such member or officer in any private business or enterprise.

Resolved—3rd. That a member of this Order shall not use any o its emblems, its name, or any of its titles, its mottoes, or the initials thereof, in any advertisement or public display, not authorized by some law of the Order.

Resolved—4th. That any member of the Order or officer of a Lodge or Encampment who shall be guilty of any of the offences defined and set forth in the three preceding resolutions, shall be considered guilty of a fraud upon the Order, and shall be suspended or expelled from membership, at the option of his Lodge or Encampment.

Resolved—5th. That the foregoing shall not be construed to any periodical or newspaper now published or hereafter to be published in the interests of the Order in good faith, by a member or members of the Order in good standing; unless such publication shall, under cover of the interests of the Order, give publicity to any of the signs, emblems, mottoes, or other secrets of the Order, in advertisements or otherwise, for the benefit of individuals or companies, or for the advancement of their own private interests.

Resolved,—6th. That if any such periodical or newspaper shall offend against the provisions of this regulation, it shall be the duty of the Most Worthy Grand Sire to warn said periodical or newspaper to discontinue said conduct, and in the event of continuance of such publication or advertisement and persistent disobedience to said warning, it shall be the duty of the Grand Sire to prefer charges against the offending party or parties, before his or their Subordinate Lodge, and it shall be the duty of such Lodge to arraign and try the party or parties so charged, and upon the conviction of the offence to suspend or expel the member.

And it is with exceeding gratification to be able to report to you that the records show that the highest degree of prosperity, both numerically and financially, prevail throughout each jurisdiction.

At the last session of this Grand Lodge, an appeal was decided by the Lodge and Rep. Blain asked permission to appeal to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States. The subject matter in substance was referred to the Judiciary Committee, which Committee reported as follows: The following resolution has been referred to the Judiciary Committee for consideration, and report:

Resolved,—That in case illegal ballots be cast upon ballot for membership in a Subordinate Lodge or Encampment, (such illegality being that the brothers voting upon such application were disqualified by the By-laws of the subordinate) such ballot may be declared void by the presiding officer, and a new ballot be immediately had."

The law bearing on this subject is to be found in section 130 of the Digest, which in effect decides that it is competent for a majority of a Subordinate Lodge, but not for an officer alone, to order a new ballot when an election is either fraudulent or illegal; but when the election is favorable, such order must be made previous to the applicant's initiation. The ordering of the new ballot in such cases necessarily involves the abrogation of the former ballot. The Committee do not recommend any action on the foregoing resolution, and existing legislation already meets the question raised by it. They therefore ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

This in effect reverses the action of this Grand Lodge last year.

Article 10 of the By-laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States, was amended to read as follows:

Annual Returns shall be made by each State District or Territorial Grand Body, in which shall be embraced the names of the Grand Master and Grand Secretary, or Grand Patriarch and Grand Scribe, the time and place of the next annual session, the number of subordinates under its jurisdiction, and the aggregate membership in good standing in the same; as well as the aggregate number of initiations, re-instatements, admissions by card, withdrawals by card, expulsions and deaths, and the number suspended or dropped; the number of brethren relieved, and amount of such relief; the number of widowed

families relieved, and the amount of relief ; the amount paid for burying the dead ; the amount paid for the education of orphans, and the whole amount of receipts.

Forms of these reports shall be furnishnd by this Grand Lodge. Said returns shall be made to the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary on or before the first day of April, and shall be accompanied with the dues thereon, in money current at par in the city of Baltimore, Maryland.

Article 26 of the By-laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States, was amended to read as follows :

The fiscal year of this Grand Lodge shall commence on the first day of January and terminate on the thirty-first day of December, and all Grand and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments shall make their annual reports, as required by article 10, to correspond with the fiscal year.

In conclusion, we may be permitted to add that much valuable information will be found by a careful perusal of the correspondence and reports of the several officers of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States for the past year.

Returning you our sincere thanks for the honor heretofore conferred upon us as your representatives,

We Remain, Yours Fraternally,

T. PARTRIDGE.
JAMES WOODYATT.

The hour of one o'clock having arrived, the Grand Lodge adjourned to meet again at 3 o'clock p. m.

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AFTERNOON SESSION.

August 8, 1872.

Pursuant to adjournment the Grand Lodge met at 3 o'clock p. m., and opened in due form.

Grand Master, John Gibson, presiding, all Grand Officers present, and a quorum of Representatives.

Minutes of previous session read and confirmed.

Rep. R. Kirkpatrick, from the Committee on Returns, submitted the following Report, which was adopted :—

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

Your Committee on Returns to whom was referred clause five of the Grand Secretary's Report, submit the following report :—

We find that that portion of said clause in reference to Amity Lodge, No. 80, has been reported upon by the Committee on Appeals.

We find that the returns of Barrie Lodge, No. 63, were incorrect, but corrected by the Grand Secretary, and would recommend that their Representatives be admitted to seats in the Grand Lodge, and that the Grand Secretary embody their returns in his report.

We therefore submit the following:

Resolved—That the foregoing report be adopted.

ROBERT KIRKPATRICK,
HUGH KERR,
JAMES F. MOREY,
GEORGE MIDGLEY.

Rep. J. J. Dyas, from the Committee on Legislation, submitted the following report, which was considered *seriatim*.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

Your Committee on Legislation to whom was referred

1st—The notice of Representative Cl. T. Campbell for repealing Article V, clauses 6 to 10 inclusive, of the constitution of Subordinate Lodges, recommend that it be not adopted.

2nd—We recommend that the notice of Representative Campbell to repeal Clause 1, Article VIII, Constitution of Grand Lodge, and to substitute therefor, "This Grand Lodge shall be entitled to receive from each subordinate, the sum of fifty cents a year, payable half-yearly, from each unsuspended member on its books, as shown by its semi-annual returns," be adopted.

Also, that the amendment to Clause IX, Article IV, Constitution of Subordinate Lodges be adopted.

Also that in case the next preceding change be adopted, we recommend that the proper change in Clause IV, Art. V, Constitution of Subordinates, notice of which has been given by Representative Campbell, be adopted.

We therefore submit the following:

Resolved—That the above Report be adopted.

T. HEALY, JOHN HURST,
J. J. DYAS, GEORGE POWELL,
J. J. DAVIS.

On motion to adopt clause 1 of report,

Rep. Cl. T. Campbell moved, seconded by Rep. T. A. Tarrant, that the word "not" be stricken out, which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the resolution of the Committee to adopt the clause it was resolved in the affirmative.

Report as a whole adopted.

On motion of Rep. J. Heron, Rep. S. Oberndoffer, having received a telegram requesting him to come home immediately, was excused from further attendance at the present session.

The hour of four o'clock having arrived, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the election of officers.

The Chair appointed Reps. J. R. Dunn and W. F. [illegible] as tellers, when the nomination and election was proceeded with as follows:

GRAND MASTER.

Representative M. E. Snider, nominated Rep. J. Murray.
P. G. M., H. C. Bingham, " Rep. Henry Robertson.

Rep. John Murray elected on first ballot.

DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

P. G., G. E. Patterson nominated P. G., J. J. Ramsay,
" P. B. Hatch, " " J. Hunter,
" H. Blain, " " Geo. Wright,
" M. D. Dawson, " " R. Mathison,
" T. Healy, " " J. J. Dyas,
" James Smith, " " Henry Robertson,
" Robt. Mathison, " " Thos. Woodyatt.

P. G. Henry Robertson dropped on first ballot; P. G., R. Mathison, retired from the contest after the first ballot; P. G., J. J. Ramsay retired after the second ballot; P. G., J. J. Dyas dropped on the second ballot.

P. G., George Wright elected on the third ballot.

R. W. GRAND WARDEN.

P. G., J. Kerr nominated P. G., J. F. Morey,
" G. W. Hare " " G. W. Pontine,
" Thos. Woodyatt " " Harper Wilson,
" J. T. Hornibrook " " H. W. Murdock,
" E. Beltz " " R. Mathison,
" J. H. Glass " " T. A. Tarrant,
" J. Kuntz " " R. Barbour,
" H. C. Bingham " " H. E. Buttery,
" W. N. Ford " " J. Richmond,
" M. D. Dawson " " E. Beltz,
" J. J. Dyas " " J. Schneider,
" Geo. Wheeler " " R. Warriner,
" Thos. Reid " " H. Blain,

P. G's. H. Blain and J. Schneider declined; E. Beltz, J. Richmond, H. E. Buttery, H. W. Murdock, and T. A. Tarrant, retired; R Mathison, dropped on first ballot; G. W. Pontine, dropped on second ballot R. Barbour, dropped on third ballot; J. F. Morey, dropped on fourth ballot;

P. G., R. Warriner elected on fifth ballot.

R. W. GRAND SECRETARY.

P. G., J. J. Dyas nominated P. G., J. B. King.
Re-elected by acclamation.

R. W. GRAND TREASURER.

M. E. Snider nominated A. D. Clement.
Re-elected by acclamation.

R. W. GRAND REPRESENTATIVE.

P. G. M., H. McAfee nominated P. G. M., J. Gibson,
" James Smith " " Thos. Partridge,
P. G., J. T. Hornibrook " " H. McAfee,
" W. F. Roome " " W. N. Ford,
" T. Healy " " H. C. Bingham,

P. G. M.'s, H. C. Bingham and H. McAfee declined the nomination.

P. G. M., J. Gibson elected on first ballot.

The following, moved by Rep. J. F. McDonald, seconded by Rep. H. Kerr, was adopted:

That Rep. H. G. Little be granted leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

The following, moved by Rep. John Ritchie, Jr., seconded by W. N. Ford, P. G. M., was resolved in the affirmative:

That Reps. Geo. Wheeler, F. Fowler, P. G. Bender and W. F. Roome be granted leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

At half-past six o'clock, on motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned unitl 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

THIRD DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

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Friday, August 9th, 1872.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Grand Lodge met and was opened in due form. Jno. Gibson, M. W. Grand Master, presiding.

Roll called, present—

JOHN GIBSON	*M. W. Grand Master,*		
JOHN MURRAY	*R. W. Deputy Grand Master.*		
JOHN HUNTER	"	*Grand*	*Warden.*
J. B. KING	"	"	*Secretary.*
A. D. CLEMENT	"	"	*Treasurer.*
JAMES WOODAYTT	"	"	*Rep. to G. L. U. S.*
JAS. F. McDONALD	"	"	*Marshall.*
JOHN SCHNEIDER	"	"	*Conductor.*
G. W. PONTINE	"	"	*Guardian.*
C. S. MALE	"	"	*Chaplain.*

And a quorum of Representatives.

Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.

Rep. R. Griffith submitted the following, which was referred to Committee on State of the Order:

A brother applies for a withdrawal card, four black balls are cast against the granting of the card, there being 17 balls in all cast. The N. G. in error declares the card refused No objection was taken to said decision at the time; but some weeks after a brother objects to the decision of the N. G. and claims that the card was granted.

Question—Is the decision of the N. G. binding?

Second—Referring to the above, what action, if any, should the Lodge take in the matter.

Rep. H. E. Buttery, submitted the following, which stands as a notice of motion to amend Constitution, Article 2, clause 5:

I beg to give notice that at the next session of this Right Worthy Grand Lodge, I will move to amend article 2, clause 5, Constitution of Grand Lodge, by striking out all after the word report, and insert as follows: "Shall be 100 or less, one Representative, if over 100 and under 200, two Representatives, if over 200, three representatives."

Rep, M. D. Dawson, from the Special Committee on that subject, submitted the following report which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

Your Special committee to whom was referred clause 2, of the Grand Master's Report, and clause 11 of Grand Secretary's Report, and other references to outside relief, submit as follows: that they consider the prompt action of the Grand Master in making an appeal to the Lodges in this jurisdiction for substantial assistance for our suffering brethren in Chicago, from the effects of that devastating and disastrous fire, highly commendable. The generous and almost instantaneous response from a large number of Lodges is conclusive evidence, not only of their appreciation of his consideration and thoughtfulness, but of the universal sympathy of the brethren of Ontario.

It is cheering to know that though divided by distance, and separated by nationality, the same precious virtues, which form the foundation and cornerstone of odd Fellowship, are practically known and felt in the hearts of Odd Fellows throughout Ontario..

We are also glad to notice that the Michigan and Wisconsin brethren were not forgotten in their sufferings. Eureka, Forest City, and Gore Lodges, having contributed generously in both instances, and the amount contributed promptly forwarded through the proper channel, and duly acknowledged by the Relief Committee of those States.

Resolved,--That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due and are hereby tendered to the Grand Master, John Gibson, as well as to the Committee appointed by him to receive relief, J. B. King, G. Sec., James Woodyatt, G. Rep., and A. D. Clement, G. Treas., for their successful services in so worthy and righteous a cause.

We would also recommend that the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master and Grand Secretary be a Standing Committee of Relief, with power to grant a reasonable assistance from the funds of this R. W. Grand Lodge, in case of similar emergencies, or when any sudden calamity may have overtaken Odd Fellows in this or sister jurisdictions reducing them to a state of distress.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

We therefore submit the following:

Resolved,—That the foregoing Report be adopted.

M. D. DAWSON,
T. A. TARRANT,
J. T. HORNIBROOK,
HENRY McAFEE.

H. C. Bingham, P. G. M., from the Committee on Appeals, submitted the following Report:

J. Zimmerman on behalf of W. D. Kennedy,
vs.
The Toronto Lodge, No. 71.

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Ontario:--

Your Committee on Appeals to whom was referred the appeal of Brother J Zimmerman. of The Toronto Lodge, No. 71, in favor of W. D. Kennedy, *vs.* The Toronto Lodge, No. 71, submit the following as the result of their investigation:

1st.---Bro. Kennedy made application by card for admission to membership in The Toronto Lodge.

2nd.—His application was referred to Committee, reported on in regular manner and a ballot taken, when more than two black balls appeared, and the V. G. announced the candidate rejected, notwithstanding which the N. G. announced

Bro. Kennedy elected. Considerable discussion seems to have arisen in regard to the matter, as to the number of black balls necessary to reject.

3rd.—The D. D. G. M. being present, referred the N. G and the Lodge to,and read Clause IV, article II, of the Constitution for Subordinates, which plainly says that three black balls shall reject. He also quoted and read other authority, which the N. G. thought at the time justified his decision, but which by the D. D G. M. was deemed inapplicable to the case.

4th.—Brother Kennedy, who had been in the Lodge previous to the ballot, was also consulted as to the law, and informed as to the result of the ballot, and as to the oral opinion of the D. D. G. M. The D. D. G. M. wished the matter laid over for a week to give time for a written decision. Notwithstanding the facts in the case, and the opinion and request of the D. D. G. M. a vote of the Lodge was taken sustaining the declaration of the N. G. that Brother Kennedy was elected, whereupon the N. G. ordered Brother Kennedy's introduction as a member of the Toronto Lodge. He was accordingly introduced and subsequently took part in the discussions in regard to his own case.

5th. After written decisions from the D. D G. M., and also from the Grand Master, who had been communicated with by the D. D. G. M., the Lodge and Brother Kennedy, which decisions were adverse to the action of the N. G. and the Lodge, Brother Kennedy applied for a Withdrawal Card.

6th.—This application brought up the question as to Brother Kennedy's position.

7th.—Was he, when making application for a Withdrawal Card, a member of the Toronto Lodge or not? And this it seems to your Committee to be the main question to settle before deciding upon the further action had by the Lodge in the matter.

8th.—It seems to be admitted now by all the parties to this appeal, that Brother Kennedy was rejected, and that the declaration of the N. G., and the action of the Lodge in sustaining him (the N. G.) and the introduction of Brother Kennedy as a member of The Toronto Lodge, were illegal. If Brother Kennedy was rejected it seems only natural and fair to conclude that all the subsequent action of the Lodge in this matter that night was illegal, null and void. But a decision of the G. L. U S., see Digest, page 249, 1151, might throw doubt upon Brother Kennedy's position when applying for his Withdrawal Card, if he had completed the action necessary to constitute him a member of The Toronto Lodge; but this he did not do, and from the information laid before us, never has done ; we refer to the act of signing the Constitution and By-Laws of The Toronto Lodge. Article 2, Clause 6 of the Constitution reads: "Every member on his admission shall sign a promise to support and abide by the Constitution and By-Laws of this Lodge, and to pay all legal demands against him so long as he shall remain a member." Also see Digest, page 248, 1145.

9th.—With this law Brother Kennedy has not complied, and, in the opinion of your Committee, was never either legally or illegally a member of The Toronto Lodge. He was simply a Brother, informally introduced after having placed his card in possession of the Lodge, and having been formally and legally rejected.

10th.—Having arrived at the conclusion that the action of the Lodge in introducing Bro. Kennedy as a member of the Toronto Lodge was illegal, and acting in obedience to the subsequent decisions and instructions of the D. D. G. M., and we believe also of the Grand Master, The Toronto Lodge refused to grant Brother Kennedy a Withdrawal Card from the said Lodge : but they did do what was right and proper for them to do in the case of a rejected member, that is, they returned him the card and fees which he had placed in their possession with a view to admission, but which card and fees, by a legal ballot, they had rejected.

11th.—It is urged on behalf of the appellant that Brother Kennedy should not be made to suffer on account of the informal and illegal action of The Toronto Lodge, provided such action did not rise through any misrepresentation or fault of his. To this proposition your Committee do not hesitate to assent, but we cannot close our eyes to the fact, as set forth in the appeal, that Brother Kennedy was not a novice in Odd Fellowship. On the contrary he was an intelligent Past Grand, and regarded apparently as an authority. Occupying that position he urged upon the N. G., and The Toronto Lodge an utter disregard of law and

usage. He advised the Noble Grand to a disregard of Law, notwithstanding the opinion of the D D. G. M. that the law was adverse to him. The opinion of your Committee is that (as between Brother Kennedy and the Lodge) the Toronto Lodge is the only party aggrieved. But further, had the Toronto Lodge acted in every respect in a legal and formal manner, Brother Kennedy's card and fees would in that case certainly have been returned to him. They did not act in every respect in a legal manner, but your Committee fail to see how any wrong had been done to Bro. Kennedy by or through said illegality, because they returned to him his card and fees, exactly as they would have done had no illegal or informal action occurred.

12th.— Your Committee have been thus lengthy and explicit in order that this Grand Lodge may so far as in the power of your Committee be able to arrive at a correct decision in the matter.

13th.—The Committee might briefly have reported a resolution dismissing the appeal, being satisfied, upon examination of the papers laid before us, it should be so dismissed, but we deemed it our duty to the parties to the appeal and to this Grand Lodge, to give our reasons for the conclusion we arrived at.

14th.—In conclusion we submit the following resolution.

Resolved,—That, in the appeal of Brother J. Zimmerman on behalf of P. G., W. D. Kennedy against The Toronto Lodge, No. 71, the action of the said Lodge in returning Brother Kennedy's card and fees be sustained, and that the appeal of Brother J. Zimmerman be dismissed.

H. C. BINGHAM, HUGH McCOLL,
R. WARRINER, HARPER WILSON,
H. W. MURDOCK,

On motion to adopt the Report, Rep. J. Richmond seconded by Rep. R. Griffith, moved in amendment, which was not agreed to.

Resolved, That the Report be laid on the table, to be made a special order at two o'clock this afternoon.

The motion to adopt the Report prevailed.

Rep. J. Richmond, on behalf of W. D. Kennedy, P. G., asked permission to appeal to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the U. S., against the action of this Grand Lodge in the above appeal, which on motion of Rep. J, Heron, seconded by Rep. T. A. Tarrant was granted.

H. C. Bingham, P. G. M., from the Special Committee on Laws of Subordinates, submitted the following Report, which was considered *seriatim*, and, as a whole, adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Laws of Subordinates, in accordance with the instructions accompanying their appointment, met on the 5th day of August, two days prior to the session of this Grand Lodge, for the purpose of attending to the duties assigned them, and as the result submit the following Report:

Gore Lodge. No. 34.—Amendment to By-Law No. 33, raising admission fee Approved.

Samaritan Lodge, No. 35.—By-Laws complete. Approved—with the following alterations: Page 36, clause 49, in 8th and 9th lines, strike out the words, "all charges under clauses 47 & 48 of these By-Laws." See Constitution, Article 5, Clause 5. Fees for Visiting and Clearance Cards must go to the credit of General Funds. In clause 84, in fifth line. after the word "effect" insert the words, "and the consent of the Grand Lodge thereto, except in case of suspension for non-payment of dues, Digest 355, 1677.

Forest City, No. 38—By-Laws complete. Approved—with the following corrections: In clause 5, strike out all after the word "ceremony" in fourth line. Strike out clause 79. In clause 82, after the word "him" in second line insert the words "pertaining to his right to benefits." See Digest, page 71, 321. The

only effect of undecided charges is to deprive the member of the right to take a travelling or visiting card, when the charges bear upon the right to benefits, to suspend the payment thereof until a final decision. In Clause 95, top of 43rd page, after the word "effect" insert the words "and the consent of the Grand Lodge thereto except in case of suspension for non-payment of dues." See Digest, 355, 1677.

Excelsior, No. 44.—Two Clauses appointing medical examiners and attendants. Approved.

Unity, No. 47.—By-Laws complete. Approved—except to insert after the word "effect" in Clause 60, 6th line, the words "and the consent of the Grand Lodge thereto, except in the case of suspension for nonpayment of dues." Digest 355, 1677.

Dominion, No. 48—Amendments to Clauses 14 and 15 relating to salaries and Clauses 32 and 33 as to admission fees—Approved.

Bissel, No. 51—By Laws complete. Approved with the following corrections: In Clause 42, strike out "$3" and insert "$2 40," or else amend Clause 30 by striking out $1 00 and inserting $1 25. Article 5, Clause 6, Constitution. In Clause 61, after the word "effect" in 5th line, insert the words "and the consent of the Grand Lodge thereto, except in case of suspension for non-payment of dues." Digest 355, 1677. By-Laws not signed.

Niagara Falls, No. 53—By-Laws complete. Approved with the following corrections: In Clause 4 strike all out after the word "ceremony" in 3rd line, In Clause 78 after the 4th word in the 4th line, insert the words "and the consent of the Grand Lodge thereto, except in case of suspension for non-payment of dues." Digest, 355, 1677.

Collingwood, 54—By-Laws complete. Approved with the following corrections: After the word "him" in Clause 51,2nd line insert the words, "pertaining to his right to benefits," See Digest, page 71, later part of decision 321. Only one copy attested by seal and officers.

Howard, No. 58 - Amendment in regard to admission fees, Clause 32, also two clauses in the matter of medical examiner—Approved. Only one copy attested.

Napanee, No. 86—By-Laws complete. Approved—with the following corrections: Article 1, Clause 2, strike out the words "two members" and insert the words "more than three." See Constitution, Article 2, Clause 11, In Article 3, Clause 2, leave out all after the words "V. G." at the end of the second line, and add the words: "A brother who has served 26 nights in some inferior office and who has attained the Scarlet Degree:" In Article 11, Clause 7. strike out all after the word "Lodge" and insert the words: "one half the sum payable in the case of a Brother's death." Constitution, Article 5, Section 8. Article 12, Clause 3, strike out, Digest page 71. 321. Article 13, Clause 2, after the word "him" in the second line insert the words "pertaining to his rights to benefits." Digest 71, 321. Article 15 Clause 4, after the word "effect" in 4th line insert the words "and the consent of the Grand Lodge thereto, except in case of suspensions for non-payment of dues.". Digest 355, 1677. Only one copy and that not attested with seal or by officers.

Wardsville. No. 60 By-Laws complete. Approved—with the following corrections: Clause 79 strike out Digest 71, 321. In Clause 82 after the word "him" in second line, insert the word "pertaining to his right to benefits." Digest 71, 321. Only one copy and that not attested in any way except by letter from Secretary.

Corinthian, No. 61—By-Laws complete. Approved—with the following corrections: In Clause 58, after the word "him" in 2nd line, insert the words "pertaining to his right to benefits." Digest 71, 321. In Clause 64. after the word "effect" in 5th line insert the words "and the consent of the Grand Lodge thereto, except in case of suspension for non-payment of dues." Digest 355, 1677.

Huron, No. 62—By-Laws complete Approved with the following corrections: In Clause 61, after the word "effect" in 6th line insert the words "and the consent of the Grand Lodge thereto, except in case of suspension for non-payment of dues." Digest 355, 1677.

The Toronto Lodge, No. 71—By-Laws complete. Approved with the following corrections: In Clause 41 strike out $40 and insert $30. Constitution,

Article 5. Section 10. In Clause 58 after the word "effect" in the 5th line insert the words "and the consent of the Grand Lodge thereto, except in case of suspension for non-payment of dues. Digest 355, 1677. Only one copy and that not attested in any way.

Fergus, No. 73 By-Laws complete. Approved with the following corrections: In Clause 63 after the word "effect" in the 6th line insert the words "and the consent of the Grand Lodge thereto, except in the case of suspension for non-payment of dues." Digest 355, 1677 Strike out Clause 54. Digest 71, 321. In Clause 57 after the word "him" in second line insert the words "pertaining to his right to benefits." Digest 71, 321. Only attested by letter.

Bothwell, No. 74—By-Laws complete. Approved—Approved with the following corrections: In Clause 5 strike out all after the word "ceremony" in third line. In Clause 60 strike out $40 and insert $30. Constitution, Article 5, Section 10. Strike out Clause 71. Digest 71, 321. In Clause 74, after the word "him" in second line, insert the words "pertaining to his right to benefits." Digest 71, 321. In Clause 87, after the word 'effect" in the last line on page 35, insert the words "and the consent of the Grand Lodge thereto, except in the case, of suspension for nonpayment of dues." Digest 355, 1677.

Warriner, No. 75—One copy of a By-Law in regard to application for Degrees which we cannot approve in present form.

St, Thomas, No. 76—By-Laws complete. Approved. Only one copy and that not signed by the officers.

Oxford, No. 77—By-Laws complete. Approved with the following corrections: In Clause 49, in the 8th and 9th lines, strike out the words "all charges under Clauses 47 and 48 of these By-Laws" See Constitution, Article 5, Clause 5. In Clause 84 after the word "effect" in 5th line insert the words "and the consent of the Grand Lodge thereto, except in the case of suspension for non-payment of dues." Digest 355, 1677. Only one copy.

Durham Lodge, No. 78—By-Laws complete. Approved with the following corrections: In Clause 51 after the word "him," in 2nd line, insert the words "pertaining to his right to benefits." Digest 71, 321. In Clause 58 after the word "effect," in the 4th line, insert the words "and the consent of the Grand Lodge thereto, except in the case of suspension for non-payment of dues." Digest 355, 1677.

Nipissing, No. 79—By-Laws complete. Approved with the following corrections: In Clause 46, strike out $40 and insert $30. See Constitution Article 5, Section 10. In Clause 61, after the word "effect," in 5th line, insert the words "and the consent of the Grand Lodge thereto, except in case of suspension for non-payment of dues." Digest 355, 1677. Only one copy, and that not attested in any way.

Amity, No. 80—By-Laws complete. Approved with the following corrections: In Clause 38, after the word "dues," in 9th line, insert the words "and all fines." See Constitution, Article 5, Section 5. Only one copy, and that not attested by officers.

Belleville, No. 81—By-Laws complete. Approved—with the following corrections: In Article 11, Clause 12, add the words "not exceeding $50." See Constitution, Article 5, Section 9. Strike out Clause 3 in Article 12. Digest 71, 321. In Article 15, Clause 4, after the word "effect," in 5th line, insert the words "and the consent of the Grand Lodge thereto, except in case of suspension for non-payment of dues." See Digest 355, 1677. Only one copy.

Beaver, No. 82—By-Laws complete, Approved—with the following corrections: In Clause 38, strike out $3 and insert $ 40, or else amend Clause 29 by striking out $1 and inserting $1 25. See Constitution, Article 5, Section 6. In Clause 43 strike out $30 and insert $20. See Constitution, Article 5, Section 10. In Clause 54, after the word "him," in 2nd line, insert the words "pertaining to his right to benefits." See Digest 71, 321. In Clause 60, after the word "effect," in 5th line, insert the words "and the consent of the Grand Lodge thereto, except in case of suspension for non-payment of dues." See Digest 355, 1677. Only one copy.

Clinton, No. 83—By-Laws complete. Approved—with the following correction: In Article 7, Section 2, Clause 1, after the word "him," in 3rd line, insert the words "pertaining to the right to benefits." See Digest 71, 321.

Walkerton, No. 84—By-Laws complete. Approved—with the following correction: In Clause 61, after the word "correct," insert the words "and the consent of the Grand Lodge thereto, except in case of suspension for non-payment of dues." See Digest 355, 1677. Only one copy.

Constellation, No. 87—By-Laws, Approved with the following correction: In Clause 47, strike out $40 and insert $30. See Constitution, Article 5, Section 10. By-Laws not certified by signatures of officers.

Empire, No. 85—By-Laws complete. Approved with the following corrections: In Article 6, Clause 2, strike out $4 00 and insert $3 60. In Article 6 Clauses 7 and 8, strike out $40 and insert $30. In Article 6, Clause 13, add the words "not exceeding $50." See Constitution, Article 5, Clauses 6, 9 and 10. In Article 7, strike out Clause 3. See Digest 71, 321. In Article 7, Clause 6, after the word "him," in 2nd line, insert the words "pertaining to his right to benefits." Digest 71, 321. In Article 7, Clause 15, after the word "effect," in 4th line, insert the words "and the consent of the Grand Lodge thereto, except in case of suspension for non-payment of dues." See Digest 355, 1677. Only one copy, and that not attested by officers.

Reliance, No. 89—By-Laws complete in manuscript. Approved with the following corrections: In Clause 43, strike out $50 and insert $30. See Constitution, Article 5, Section 10. Clause 53, strike out Digest 71, 321. In Clause 56, after "him," in 2nd line, insert the words "pertaining to his right to benefits." See Digest 71, 321. In Clause 62, after the word "effect," in 5th line, insert the words "and the consent of the Grand Lodge thereto, except in case of non-payment of dues." See Digest, 355, 1677. Only one copy.

Olive Branch, No. 88—By-Laws complete. Approved with following correction: In Clause 51, strike out $32 and insert $30. See Constitution, Article 5, Section 10.

Grand River, No. 91—By-Laws complete in manuscript. Approved—with following corrections: In Clause 41 strike out $40 and insert $30. See Constitution, Article 5, Section 10. To Clause 43 add the words "provided that no one annuity shall exceed the sum of $30 See Constitution Article 5, Section 10. Clause 49, strike out. Digest 71,321. In Clause 52, after the word "him," in 2nd line, insert the words "pertaining to his right to benefits." See Digest 71, 321, In Clause 65 after the word "effect," in 4th line, insert the words "and the consent of the Grand Lodge thereto, except in case of non-payment of dues." Digest, 355, 1677. Only one copy.

Western City, No. 93—By-Laws complete. Approved with the following corrections: In Clause 25, after the word "Article" insert "3 Clauses." In Clause 54 after the word "him," in 2nd line, insert the words "pertaining to his right to benefits." See Digest 71, 321. In Clause 62, strike out all from the word "rank" in the 5th line of the word "and" in the 8th line. See Digest 71, 321. In Clause 72, after the word "effect," in 5th line, insert the words "and the consent of the Grand Lodge thereto, except in case of suspension for non-payment of dues." Digest 355, 1677. By-Laws not signed or sealed.

Exeter, No. 67—By-Laws complete. Approved with the following corrections: In Clause 4, strike out all after the word "ceremony" in the 3rd line. In Clause 9, the night of meeting should be named. In Clause 62 after the first word "effect," in the 4th line, insert the words "and the consent of the Grand Lodge thereto, except in case of suspension for non-payment of dues." See Digest 355, 1677. Only one copy.

Barrie, No. 63—Complete. Approved with the following corrections: In Clause 39, strike out $3 and insert $2 40, or amend Clause 29 by striking out $1 and inserting $1 25. See Constitution, Article 5, Clause 6. In Clause 44, strike out $30 and insert $20. See Constitution, Article 5, Section 10. In Clause 54, after the word "him," in the 2nd line, insert the words "pertaining to his right to benefits." See Digest 71, 321. In Clause 63, after the word "effect," in the 4th line, insert the words "and the consent of the Grand Lodge, except in case of suspension for non-payment of dues." Digest 355, 1677. Only one copy neither signed or sealed.

Milton Lodge, No. 92 By-Laws complete. Approved with the following correction: In Clause 62, after the word "effect," in the 5th line, insert the words "and the consent of the Grand Lodge thereto, except in the case of suspension for non-payment of dues." By-Laws signed, but not sealed.

In the case of Bissell Lodge, No. 51, we by accident notice that they have embraced in Constitution for Subordinates, amendments proposed by Rep. Campbell, last year, though they are not yet adopted.

Your Committee did not deem it their duty to examine the Constitutions of Subordinates as printed, but thought best to call attention to the fact, that, as in this case, similar irregularities may occur in others.

Your Committee think it advisable that Subordinate Lodges be instructed to to have all amendments to their By-Laws approved and ordered by this Grand Lodge, printed in slips, and pasted in appropriately in their By-Laws as soon as they are in receipt of the Journal of this Grand Lodge, containing the required instructions.

We believe that the By-Laws of many of our older Subordinate Lodges contain the same errors as have been found in the laws submitted at this session to this Committee, and we recommend that all Lodges whose By-Laws have not been submitted at this session, be instructed to amend their By-Laws in accordance with the decisions of this Grand Lodge, and submit the same to this Grand Lodge at its next session.

Fraternally submitted.

H. C. BINGHAM, T. PARTRIDGE,
Cl. T CAMPBELL, H. ROBERTSON,
F. T. BARKER.

H. C. Bingham, P. G. M., from the same Committee, submitted the following Report, which was considered *seriatim*, and adopted:

CONSTITUTION.

Ordained by the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Ontario, for the government of regularly constituted Degree Lodges holding Charters from this Grand Lodge.

ARTICLE I.

The name of this Lodge shall be.....Degree Lodge, No.... I. O. O. F., of the .....Ontario.

ARTICLE II.

This Lodge shall be composed of members in good standing in the Order of the Scarlet Degree, either residents here, or belonging to Lodges in the..... ....., and all business except that of conferring the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Degrees of this Order shall be transacted when open in the Scarlet Degree.

ARTICLE III.

The Elective Officers of this Lodge shall be a Degree Master, Deputy Degree Master, First Assistant Deputy Degree Master, Second Assistant Deputy Degree Master, Secretary and Treasurer, who shall be elected semi-annually by a majority of votes polled for that purpose.

ARTICLE IV.

Nominations for the Elective Offices of this Lodge shall be made upon the .....and.....in the months of June and December in each year.

ARTICLE V.

The appointed Officers of this Lodge shall be a Warden, Conductor, Outside and Inside Guardians to be appointed by the Degree Master upon the night of his installation.

ARTICLE VI.

Elections for the Elective Officers of this Lodge shall be held upon the last regular meetings in the months of June and December in each year, and the Installation of Officers shall take place on the 1st regular meetings in July and January following,

ARTICLE VII.

The Degree Master shall preside at all meetings of this Lodge. he shall have power to convene special meetings and to perform such other duties as are prescribed by his official obligations and the usages of the Order.

ARTICLE VIII.

The D. D. Master shall occupy the usual position of the Vice Grand, assist the Degree Master in the discharge of his duties, and in his absence shall preside.

ARTICLE IX.

The First A. D. D. Master, Second A. D. D. Master; Treasurer, Warden, Conductor, Inside Guardian and Outside Guardian shall perform the duties assigned to them at their Installation and by the usage of the Order

ARTICLE X.

The Secretary shall keep accurate minutes of the transactions of this Lodge, he shall conduct all correspondence, and report promptly to their respective Lodges the names of Brothers upon whom Degrees are conferred by this Lodge, and also the date and the name or names or numbers of the Degrees conferred. He shall make out for the Grand Lodge at the first regular meeting in each term a report of the names of the Officers for the current term, and the numbers of each degree conferred. He shall enter in a separate book or record, the name of every Brother receiving Degrees, together with the name of his Lodge, and date of receiving the said Degrees, and perform such other duties as are prescribed by his charge of Office and the laws and usages of the Order.

ARTICLE XI.

No Brother shall be eligible for the Office of Degree Master who has not received the Past Official Degrees of the Order, and who is not in good standing in some Subordinate Lodge of this order in Ontario.

ARTICLE XII.

No Brother shall be eligible to the Office of the Deputy Degree Master who is not a Past Grand in good standing in the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Ontario.

ARTICLE XIII.

The Degree Lodge shall have power to adopt necessary rules and regulations for its government, conformable to this Constitution, and to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge of Ontario and the laws and usages of the Order.

ARTICLE XIV.

Five members shall form a quorum for the transaction of business, and this Lodge shall have power to suspend or expel a member when his conduct shall render it necessary, such suspension or expulsion to be decided upon in accordance with the usages of the Order in this.....

ARTICLE XV.

All prior decisions and regulations of this Grand Lodge in conflict with the foregoing Constitution are hereby repealed.

Respectfully submitted.

H. C. BINGHAM,
F. T. BARKER,
HENRY ROBERTSON.

On motion to adopt Article 14, Rep. J. Heron moved in amendment, seconded by Rep. J. J. Dyas, that Article 14 be stricken out, which was not agreed to.

Report, as a whole, was adopted.

Rep. M. D. Dawson, from the Committee on Printing, submitted the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

Your Committee on Printing submit the following resolution :—

That the Reports of the several Grand Officers and proceedings of Grand Lodge be printed in full in the Journal of Proceedings, and that the R. W. Grand Secretary be instructed to have 600 copies printed for distribution in this and sister jurisdictions ; and, in addition, would further recommend, that he examine carefully the proof sheets, previous to publication, in order to prevent errors,

We therefore submit the following :—

Resolved, That the above report be adopted.

Fraternally submitted.

M. D. DAWSON,
E. G. CHANT,
HUGH McCOLL,
M. E. SNIDER.

Rep. J. J. Dyas, from the Committee on Legislation, submitted the following report, which was considered *seriatim*, and adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I O. O. F. :

Your Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred the question of Rep. Blume, asking if a D. D. G. M has any authority to decide a question submitted to him by a Lodge in his district, without the consent of, and without first submitting such question to the G. M.

We reply, Yes.

With reference to the question of Rep. Campbell, as to whether it would be advisable to consider the question of creating a supreme Grand Lodge for Canada.

We are of opinion that it would be inadvisable at present.

We therefore submit the following :

Resolved,—That the foregoing report be adopted.

T. HEALY, JOHN HURST,
J. J. DYAS, GEORGE POWELL,
J. L. DAVIS.

The following letter was read from Rep. Campbell, asking leave of absence, which, on motion of Rep. H. Blain, was granted :

WINDSOR, August 9th, 1872.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

I regret exceedingly that circumstances imperatively require my immediate return home. Will Grand Lodge be kind enough to grant me leave of absence for the remainder of the Session.

Yours Fraternally

CL. T. CAMPBELL.

Rep. J. J. Dyas, from the Committee on Legislation, made the following report :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

Your Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred the motion of Reps. Jones and Foster, as follows :

Resolved,—That Clause 9, Article 2, of the Constitution for Subordinate Lodges, be amended by striking out all after the word "Rejection."

We recommend that no change be made in the Article of the Constitution.

On the motion of Reps. W. F. Sandford and Jas. Ker, as follows :

Resolved,—That Clause 4, Article 2, of the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges, be amended by striking out the word "three," and inserting the word "two."

We recommend that no action be had.

On the following by Rep. C. S. Male :

Is it advisable that some provision should be made to allow a Brother joining a Lodge by card, to enable such Brother to receive benefits without waiting six months, as now provided ?"

We recommend that no action be taken.

We therefore submit the following.

Resolved, That the above report be adopted.

Fraternally submitted.

T. HEALY, J. J. DYAS,
JOHN HURST, G. POWELL, Sr.
J. L. DAVIS.

The question being on the adoption of the Report,

James Woodyatt, P. G. M., moved the following, which was agreed to.

Resolved,—That the report be referred back to the Committee, with instructions to amend in accordance with the motion of Reps. Jones and Foster.

Rep. James Heron, from the Committee on the State of the Order, submitted the following Report, which was considered and adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

Your Committee on State of the Order, to whom was referred the question of Rep. Wright, of Canada Lodge, No. 49, viz. :—

A candidate is proposed and proposition referred to usual Committee ; the Committee report and the report is received and adopted, but previous to the ballot being taken it is stated that the candidate is suffering from congestion of the lungs. Is it competent for the N. G., with the concurrence of the Lodge, to postpone the ballot for one week ?

We reply, No.

We therefore submit the following :

Resolved, That the foregoing report be adopted.

JAMES HERON, T. McADAM,
C. H. HANKINSON, JAS. WOODYATT
ISAAC SMITH.

Rep. J. Heron, from the same Committee, submitted the following Report, which was considered and adopted :—

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

Your Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the question of Rep. Ritchie, of The Toronto Lodge, No. 71 :—

When is a Candidate, by card, or initiation, constituted a member of a Lodge, when introduced, or after signing the Constitution and By-Laws ?

Answer,—When introduced to the Lodge, having previously signed the Constitution.—Digest, Sect. 928a.

We respectfully submit the following :—

Resolved, That the above report be adopted.

JAMES HERON, C. H. HANKINSON,
ISAAC SMITH, T. MacADAM,
JAMES WOODYATT.

Rep. James Heron, from the same Committee, submitted the following report :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

Your Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the question of Rep. Ritchie, of The Toronto Lodge, No. 71 :—

If a Brother receives from another Brother the Pass-Word illegally, what is the correct action to take in the case ?

Answer,—Refuse the Brother admittance if suspended or expelled ; if not suspended or expelled and still applies for admittance, prefer a charge against the Brother.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

We therefore submit the following :

Resolved, That this report be adopted.

JAMES HERON, T. MacADAM,
JAMES WOODYATT, ISAAC SMITH,
C. H. HANKINSON.

Rep. Isaac Smith, from the same Committee, submitted the following Report, which was considered and adopted :—

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

Your Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the question of Rep. J. O. Campbell, of Constellation Lodge. No. 85, viz :—

The Vice Grand was elected and installed while in arrears ; can the Vice Grand hold his position, or must his office be declared vacant and another elected ?

Answer,—He can retain his seat.

We therefore submit the following :—

Resolved, that the foregoing report be adopted.

ISAAC SMITH, JAMES WOODYATT,
JAMES HERON, T. MacADAM,
C. H. HANKINSON.

Rep. Isaac Smith, from the same Committee, submitted the following report, which was adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

Your Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the question of M. E. Snider, viz :—

Has the officer instituting a Degree Lodge the power to take the name of a Charter Member off the Charter, he being absent at the time of Institution ; sickness being the cause ?

Answer,—Yes.

We therefore submit the following :—

Resolved, That the above report be adopted.

JAMES HERON, C. H. HANKINSON
ISAAC SMITH, T. MacADAM,
JAMES WOODYATT.

Rep. Isaac Smith, from the same Committee submitted the following report, which was considered and adopted ,—

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F. :

Your Committee on the State of the Order to whom was referred Clause 1 of G. M.'s Report, submit the following:—

1st—Your Committee congratulate the Grand Lodge on the prosperity of the Order, which is manifested by the unprecedented number of Lodges instituted and members initiated, and recommend that Charters be granted to the several Lodges instituted by the Grand Master.

2nd—With reference to that part of the Grand Master's Report in Clause 1, recommending that $115 35 be returned to Rond Eau Lodge, we recommend that it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

3rd—With reference to that part of Clause 1 of the Grand Master's Report stating that he had called upon Jas. Woodyatt, Grand Rep., to accompany him to Barrie we deem the M. W. Grand Master fully justified in so doing.

4th—On Clause 3 of the Grand Master's Report, we recommend that the same be referred to Committe on Appeals.

5th—On Clause 4 of the Grand Master's Report, we recommend that the action of the Grand Master be approved.

6th—On Clause 6 of the Grand Master's Report, we recommend that the recommendations embodied therein be approved of.

7th—On Clause 7 of the Grand Master's Report, we join in the Grand Master's closing exhortations and regret that D. D. Grand Masters are so indifferent to their duties.

We therefore submit the following :

Resolved,—That the above report be adopted.

Fraternally submitted

ISAAC SMITH,
JAMES HERON,
T. MACADAM,
C. H. HANKINSON,

Rep. Thomas MacAdam, from the same Committee, submitted the following Report, which was considered and adopted :—

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F. :

Your Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the questions from Rep. E. G. Chant, viz:

1st—Is the Lodge Doctor expected to furnish medicine with advice : is it customary in the Order so to do ?

Your Committee answer. It depends upon the By-laws,

2nd—Is it advisable or expedient to admit Ancient Odd Fellows over the age of fifty.

Answer—It may or may not be, the Lodge must decide.

3rd—Would this Grand Lodge recommend or advise Subordinate Lodges to patronize the Benevolent Association of Hamilton ?

Answer—It is not advisable for this Grand Lodge to decide.

We therefore submit the following :—

Resolved, That the above report be adopted.

T. MACADAM, C. H. HANKINSON
JAMES HERON JAMES WOODYATT,
ISAAC SMITH.

Rep. T. MacAdam from the same Committee, made the following report, which was considered and adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

Your Committee on the State of the Order to whom was referred the questions from Past Grand Irwin, of Avon Lodge, No. 41, viz :

1st—Is a Representative to the Grand Lodge an Officer of his Subordinate? Your Committee answer, No.

2nd—Must a ballot be cast when there is only one Brother in nomination for an elective office?

Your Committee answer, No.

We therefore submit the following:

Resolved, That the foregoing report be adopted.

T. MacADAM, C. H. HANKINSON,
JAMES HERON, ISAAC SMITH,
JAMES WOODYATT.

Rep. Thomas MacAdam, from the Committee on the State of the Order, submitted the following Report, which was considered and adopted :—

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

Your Committee on the State of the Order to whom was referred the question of Rep. J. H. Glass, of Unity Lodge, No. 47, as follows:

Is a Scarlet Member, who has not passed the Noble Grand's Chair, eligible for the office of Vice Grand in a regularly instituted Degree Lodge; if so can a Vice Grand so elected confer Degrees in the absence of the Degree Master?

Answer—Yes. See page 811, of Journal

We therefore submit the following.

Resolved—That the foregoing report be adopted.

T. MacADAM C. H. HANKINSON.
JAMES HERON ISAAC SMITH,
JAMES WOODYATT.

Rep. Thomas MacAdam, from the same Committee, made the following report which was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

Your Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was submitted the following questions, beg to report:

1st—On the question of Mt Zion Lodge, No. 46, as follows: After an Ancient Odd Fellow has deposited his card, a Committee appointed report favorably, balloted for and duly elected and declared so; but before being introduced he demands his Card. Has the Lodge a right to give it back to him or not?

To this question we answer, No.

2nd—On the question of Corinthian Lodge, No. 61, Is it imperative on the Noble Grand to refuse admittance to a member of another Lodge who has not the term pass-word, being good on the books?

Your Committee answer, Yes, unless he had an order for the pass-word.

3rd—On the question from Corinthian Lodge, No. 61, as follows: Can a Brother be admitted on the travelling pass-word alone, without card?

Your Committee answer, No.

Resolved—That the above report be adopted.

T. MacADAM, C. H. HANKINSON,
JAMES WOODYATT, JAMES HERON,
ISAAC SMITH.

Rep. James Heron from the same Committee, made the following Report, which was considered.

To the R W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

Your Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the questions from Rep. R. Griffith, of Excelsior Lodge, No. 44, as follows:

1st—A Brother applies for a Withdrawal Card; four black balls are cast against the granting of the same—there being seventeen balls in all cast; the N. G., in error, declares the Card refused. No objection being taken to said de-

cision at the time; but some weeks after a Brother objects to the decision of the N. G., and claims that the Card was granted.

Question—Is the decision of the N. G., binding?

Answer—No; the vote of the Lodge granted the Card. Sec. 248, Digest.

2nd—Referring to the above, what action, if any, should the Lodge take in the matter?

Answer—It should give the Brother the Card.

We respectfully submit the following:—

Resolved—That the above Report be adopted.

JAMES HERON, T. MacADAM,
JAMES WOODYATT, ISAAC SMITH,
C. H. HANKINSON.

The question being on the adoption of the first answer of the Report, it was declared in the affirmative.

On motion of H. C. Bingham, P. G. M., the resolution adopting the first answer was reconsidered.

The question recurring upon the adoption of the Clause, it was resolved in the affirmative, and the Report as a whole was adopted.

James Woodyatt, P. G. M., from the same Committee, submitted the following Report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, : I. O. O. F.

Your Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the following from St Mary's Lodge. No. 36, viz:

Notice was given for two weeks, and at the proper time a motion was put and carried, granting $15 00 as a present to a Brother who was in arrears to the amount of $1 50. The N. G., demurred and ruled the motion out of order. An appeal was taken from his decision to the Lodge, and the appeal was sustained. What action shall the Lodge take if the N. G., still refuses to sign the Order?

The Committee reply. Prefer charge against him.

We therefore submit the following:—

Resolved—That the foregoing report be adopted.

JAMES WOODYATT, ISAAC SMITH,
C. H. HANKINSON, T. MacADAM,
JAMES HERON,

Rep. C. H. Hankinson, from the same Committee, submitted the following Report, which was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

Your Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the following, submit:—

1st—A member of Luca ı Lodge, No. 70, wishes to know if our Order has any recognized mode by which a member may ascertain whether a person with whom he is corresponding by letter is a member of our Order, other than by a direct question to that effect.

We reply, No.

2nd.—Huron Lodge, No. 62. Is there any provision made for the widows or orphans of deceased brothers who were receiving an annuity at the time of confiscation of Subordinate Lodge property by Grand Lodge.

We reply, See Clause 8, article 10, Constitution of Subordinate Lodges.

3rd,—Rep. Charles Lee, of Avon Lodge, No. 41. In balloting for Representatives, if there are two or three of equal numbers, should not the whole of them be dropped.

We reply, Ballot to see which of the three shall be dropped first.

4th.—Excelsior Lodge No. 44. A Brother of Excelsior Lodge gets his Withdrawal Card, removes from the city, returning again within a year, and wishes to deposit his Card in Excelsior Lodge again. On submitting his Card the N. G. decided that it was necessary to ballot for the Brother. A Brother drew his attention to the fact that it was not necessary to ballot. After taking the vote of the Lodge, the N. G. decided the Brother a member of Excelsior Lodge. At a subsequent meeting of the Lodge, the N. G. reversed his decision, and ordered a ballot, the result was the rejection of the Brother. Did the fact of the N. G. having decided the Brother a member of Excelsior Lodge constitute him one ?

We reply, No.

Had the N. G. a right to reverse his decision ?

We reply, Yes.

We therefore submit the following :

Resolved,—That the above Report be adopted.

C. H. HANKINSON, JAMES HERON,
ISAAC SMITH, T. MacADAM,
JAMES WOODYATT.

James Woodyatt, P. G. M., from the same Committee, submitted the following, which was adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

Your Committee on State of the Order, to whom was referred the following matters beg leave to report :

1st—On the request of Olive Branch Lodge that a Committee be appointed to compile and print a book of Laws, Constitution of Grand and Subordinate Lodges, &c., &c., your Committee recommend that the matter be referred to the Committee on Legislation.

We therefore submit the following :

Resolved—That the above Report be adopted.

JAMES WOODYATT, ISAAC SMITH,
T. MacADAM, JAMES HERON,
C. H. HANKINSON.

James Woodyatt, P. G. M., from the same Committee, submitted the following Report, which was adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

Your Committee on State of the Order to whom was referred that portion of Clause one, of the M. W. Grand Master's Report, stating that after hearing both sides of the question, he thought it not advisable to grant a dispensation to institute the new Lodge in the city of Toronto, and recommending the Brothers to again affiliate with their Lodges.

The Committee recommend that the action of the Grand Master be approved.

We therefore submit the following :

Resolved, That the foregoing report be adopted.

JAMES WOODYATT, ISAAC SMITH,
T. MacADAM, JAMES HERON,
C. H. HANKINSON.

James Woodyatt, P. G. M., from the same Committee, submitted the following Report, which was considered and adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario I. O. O. F.

Your Committee on State of the Order, to whom was referred the following matters, beg leave to report :

1st—On the question of Unity Lodge No. 47 : Whose duty is it to confer the degree of Rebekah on the officers elect ?

We reply, the sitting N. G.

2nd—At a regular meeting of Unity Lodge, a candidate was balloted for and declared rejected, four black balls being cast; no objection was made to the ballot that evening. The next evening four Brothers declared they were the parties who had cast the four black balls on the previous evening, and requested a reconsideration, which, by a vote of the Lodge was allowed. Was the reconsideration legal, no request having been made on the night the ballot was taken?

It is not stated whether the reconsideration was granted by a unanimous ballot; the words used are by a vote of the Lodge. Your Committee say the reconsideration was legal so far as the time is concerned; but can not say whether it was or not in other respects.

3rd—A motion having been made and seconded and put to the Lodge, can any motion that does not actually amend the original motion be put as an amendment.

The Committee reply, see Rules of Order.

Your Committee cannot consistently close their Report without referring to the fact that nearly half the questions submitted to this Grand Lodge and referred, are questions that need not be brought here at all. They are, many of them, questions which should never be asked here, because they are either questions so generally understood that any one should be able to answer them, or else they are unimportant, or perhaps worse, ridiculous. The same questions are submitted here year after year, and decisions or answers given, when a little time and study on the part of the questioner would enable him to find the answer to his question in the Journal of this Grand Lodge, or else, as is often the case, in the Constitution and By-Laws of his own Lodge.

In a jurisdiction like this, increasing in numbers and new Lodges new, complicated and very important questions necessarily arise, and to such as these your Committee are desirous of giving every consideration possible. To say the least we could give much more careful consideration to matters of real importance if our time was not so largely taken up in writing our reports upon subjects already answered, or else of no importance.

We would advise that hereafter all questions to be referred to this Committee shall be presented to them before the close of the first days session of this Grand Lodge in any year in order to entitle such questions to consideration.

We therefore submit the following:

Resolved—That the above report be adopted.

JAMES WOODYATT, ISAAC SMITH,
T. MacADAM, JAMES HERON.
C. H. HANKINSON.

Rep. J. J. Dyas, from the Committee on Legislation made the ollowing Report, amended, as instructed by resolution of James Woodyatt, P. G. M., which was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F,

Your Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred the motion of Reps. Jones and Foster, as follows:

Resolved,—That Clause 9, Article 2, of the Constitution for Subordinate Lodges, be amended by striking out all after the word "Rejection."

We would recommend that it be adopted.

On motion if Reps. W. F. Sandford and Jas. Ker, as follows:

Resolved,—Clause 4, Article 2, of the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges, be amended by striking out the word "three," and inserting the word "two."

We recommend that no action be had.

On the following by Rep. C. S. Male:

"Is it advisable that some provision should be made to allow a Brother joining a Lodge by card, to enable such Brother to receive benefits without waiting six months as now provided?"

We recommend that no action be taken.

We therefore submit the following:

Resolved,—That the foregoing report be adopted.

Fraternally submitted,

J. J. DYAS, T. HEALY,
JOHN HURST, GEO. POWELL, Sr.
J. L. DAVIS.

Rep H. Blain from the Special Committee on the Report of the Grand Representatives submitted the following, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee to whom was referred the Grand Representatives' Report submit:

That they have carefully examined the Report of the R. W. Grand Representatives, and recommend that the same be adopted by this Grand Body, and that the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to those Brothers for their faithful and efficient services in their representative capacities.

We therefore submit the following:

Resolved—That the above report be adopted.

H. BLAIN, GEO. WRIGHT,
Cl. T. CAMPBELL, JOHN HURST,
A. V. PALMER.

Rep. T. Healy from the Committee on Legislation, submitted the following Report, which was considered and adopted;

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred the request of Olive Branch Lodge, No. 88, that a committee be appointed to compile and print a book of laws, &c., beg to recommend that the matter be postponed.

We therefore submit the following:

Resolved—That this Report be adopted.

Respectfully submitted.

T. HEALY,
J. J. DYAS,
J. L. DAVIS,
GEO. POWELL, Sr.

H. C. Bingham, P. G. M., from the Special Committee on that subject submitted the following Report, which was considered and adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:

The Special Committee to which was referred the resolution of Rep. Gibson, of Avon Lodge, No. 41, viz:

Resolved—That a Special Committee be appointed by this Grand Body to take into consideration the advisability of erecting an edifice (to be known by some name, approved by this Grand Body) as a source of revenue, to be used as a supplementary fund for the relief of the distressed of this jurisdiction.

We submit, that, while we are ready to admit the good intentions of the mover of that resolution, and fully appreciate the benevolent and laudable ends that such an institution would serve, we deem the whole subject deserving of more consideration than can possibly be given to it at this Session of the Grand Lodge.

We therefore submit the following:

Resolved—That the matter be postponed.

H. C. BINGHAM, JAMES WOODYATT
W. N. FORD. JAMES SMITH,
HENRY McAFEE

James Smith, P. G. M., from the Special Committee on that subject, submitted the following Report and Resolutions, and notice of amendment to the Constitution.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:

We your Committee appointed specially by the Grand Master for the purpose of taking into consideration the advisability of dividing our jurisdiction into Districts, and how the same should be governed, beg to report:

That we have carefully, and with every possible enquiry from other Grand Bodies fully considered the matter The vast increasing duties of the Grand Master requiring that some mode should be adopted whereby, not only the interests of the Order would be more generally attended to, but a saving of expense to this Grand Lodge.

Your Committee would recommend that the jurisdiction be divided in the following Districts, viz:

District No. 1—Brock No. 9, and Amity, No. 80.
District No. 2—Kingston, 59; Napanee, 86; and Belleville, 81.
District No. 3—Florence Nightingale, 66; Eastern Star, 72; Corinthian, 61; and Durham, 78,
District No. 4—Warriner 75; and Nipissing, 79.
District No. 5—Canada, 49; Covenant, 52; Queen City of Ontario, 56; The Toronto, 71; and Milton, 92.
District No. 6—Barrie, 63; North Star, 68; and Collingwood, 54.
District No. 7—Reliance 89; Fergus, 73; Minto, 98; Maple Leaf, 57; and Walkerton, 84.
District No. 8—Avon 41; Grand Union 97; Nith 62; and Bissell; 51.
District No. 9—Fidelity, 55; Clinton, 83; and Huron, 62.
District No. 10—St. Mary's, 36; Lucan, 70; Ivy, 90; and Exeter, 67.
District No. 11—Union, 16; Empire, 87; and Niagara Falls, 53.
District No. 12—Excelsior, 44; Victoria, 64; and Unity, 47.
District No. 13—Gore, 34; and Grand River, 91.
District No. 14—Olive Branch, 88; Samaritan, 35; Oxford, 77; and Hope, 69.
District No. 15 Otter, 50; Erie, 33: and Constellation, 85.
District No. 16—Eureka, 30; Forest City, 38; Dominion, 48; St. Thomas, 76; Aylmer, 94; and Port Stanley, 95.
District No. 17—Chatham, 29; Wardsville, 60; Mount Zion, 46; Bothwell 74; Western City, 93; and Rond Eau, 40.
District No. 18—Frontier, 45; Beaver, 82.
District No. 19—Howard, 58; and Friendship, 65.

We would recommend that a District Deputy Grand Master, as already provided for in the Constitution, Clause 10, and whose duty is defined in Clause 22, Constitution, be appointed; in addition to his duties (so defined), recommend that such D. D. G. M. institute all new Lodges in his District upon the order of the Grand Master, and that the said Deputies be paid their necessary expenses for official visits (other than the institution of new Lodges), by this Grand Lodge. Each Deputy to visit every Lodge in his District at least once in every year.

Your Committee would further recommend, taking into consideration the time consumed at the meeting of this R. W. Grand Lodge, in answering questions and determining matters of law, submitted while this Lodge is in session, that at the next meeting of this R. W. Grand Lodge, a proposition be made, to submit all such questions, questions in dispute, and questions of law or practice already decided, to the D. D. G. M.

That the D. D. G. M. shall at such time, and so often as may be considered necessary, and at least once in a year, call a meeting of all the Past Grands in good standing in his district, who shall decide all such questions, subject to the approval of this R. W. Grand Lodge, to whom report of the same shall be made by the D. D. Grand Master.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

We therefore submit the following:

Resolved,—That the Report as submitted be adopted, and the Committee discharged.

Yours, in F. L. & T.,

JAMES SMITH,
JOHN HUNTER,
RICHARD WIGMORE,
WM. N. FORD.

The question being to adopt the Report, H. C. Bingham, P. G. M., seconded by Rep. Thos. Woodyatt, moved the following:

Resolved,—That the consideration of the Report be indefinitely postponed.

Rep. H. Blain, seconded by Rep. Geo. Wright, moved in amendment, as follows:

Resolved,—That the consideration of the Report be postponed until the next session of this Grand Lodge.

The Chair ruled the amendment out of order, when Rep. H. Blain, by consent, altered his amendment to read as follows:

Resolved,—That the word "indefinitely" in the original motion be struck out, and that the following words be added to the motion, "until the next annual session of this Grand Lodge."

The question being on the amendment, as altered, it was adopted.

The question then recurring on the resolution of H. C. Bingham, P. G. M., as amended, it was adopted.

The hour of one o'clock having arrived, the Grand Lodge adjourned until 2.30 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

WINDSOR, August 9, 1872.

Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment, and was opened in due form. John Gibson, M. W. Grand Master, presiding.

Roll call. Present:

JOHN GIBSON.....*M. W. Grand Master.*
JOHN MURRAY.....*R. W. Deputy Grand Master.*
JOHN HUNTER.....*R. W. Grand Warden.*
J. B. KING.....*R. W. Grand Secretary.*
A. D. CLEMENT.....*R. W. Grand Treasurer.*
JAMES WOODYATT.....*R. W. Grand Rep. to G.L. U.S.*
JAS. F. McDONALD.....*R. W. Grand Marshal.*
JOHN SCHNEIDER.....*R. W. Grand Conductor.*
G. W. PONTINE.....*R. W. Grand Guardian.*
C. S. MALE.....*R. W. Grand Chaplain.*

And a quorum of Representatives.

Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.

Rep. J. G. Coleman, of Canada Lodge No. 49, submitted the following, which was referred to the Committee on State of the Order:

A candidate applies for admission to a Lodge; on the evening the Report of the Committee is received, the Lodge opened ten minutes before the regular hour. The time for opening the Lodge had passed, when the candidate was balloted for and declared elected. Has the N. G., under the circumstances, a right to declare the ballot and election illegal, on account of the Lodge having been opened before the proper time, and to order a new ballot the next meeting of the Lodge?

Rep. A. Suhler, of Friendship Lodge No. 65, asked leave of absence for the remainder of the session, which on motion of W. N. Ford, P. G. M., was granted.

Rep. E. G. Chant, seconded by H. McAfee, P. G. M., moved the following:

Resolved,—That this Grand Body, through its Representatives, extend to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, at its next annual session, a cordial invitation to hold its session of 1873 in the Province of Ontario.

Rep. M. E. Snider, seconded by Rep. J. Ritchie, Jr., moved to amend as follows:

Resolved,—That the words "City of Toronto" be inserted immediately preceding the words "Province of Ontario."

Rep. J. J. Dyas, seconded by Rep. P. B. Hatch, moved the following, which was adopted:

Resolved,—That the further consideration of the above be laid on the table until this evening session.

Rep. P. B. Hatch, from the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, submitted the following Report, which was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Mileage and Per Diem beg to submit the following table and resolution, viz:

TABLE OF MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

NAME OF LODGE.	Number of Lodge.	LOCATION.	Miles Travelled.	Mileage. $ c	Number of days.	Per Diem. $ c.	Total. $ c.	NAMES OF REPRESENTATIVES.
GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT.								
John Gibson, M. W. G. M.	....	Stratford	286	11 44	....	6 00	17 44	
John Murray, R. W. D. G. M.	....	Clifton	458	18 32	....	6 00	24 32	
John Hunter, R. W. G. W.	....	London	220	8 80	....	6 00	14 80	
J. B. King, R. W. G. Sec.	....	Brantford	328	13 12	....	6 00	19 12	
A. D. Clement, R. W. G. Treas.	....	Brantford	328	13 12	....	6 00	19 12	
James Woodyatt, R. W. G. Rep.	....	Brantford	328	13 12	....	6 00	19 12	
J. F. McDonald, R. W. G. M.	....	Ingersoll	258	10 32	....	6 00	16 32	
John Schneider, R. W. G. Con	....	Chatham	90	3 60	....	6 00	9 60	
G. W. Pontine, R. W. G. G.	....	Port Burwell	....	....	....	....	....	A Representative.
C. S. Male, R. W. G. Chap.	....	Oshawa	530	20 72	....	6 00	26 72	
Brock	9	Brockville	866	34 64	3	6 00	40 64	James Curle.
"	9	"	866	34 64	3	6 00	40 64	Charles J. Dewey.
Union	16	St. Catharines	436	17 44	3	6 00	23 44	G. Paterson.
"	16	"	436	17 44	3	6 00	23 44	J. G. Sisterson.
"	16	"	436	17 44	3	6 00	23 44	W. A. Rawlings.
"	16	"	436	17 44	3	6 00	23 44	T. Healey.
Chatham	29	Chatham	90	3 60	3	6 00	9 60	J. P. Young.
"	29	"	90	3 60	3	6 00	9 60	O. B. Hulin.
"	29	"	90	3 60	3	6 00	9 60	Isaac Smith.
Eureka	30	London	220	8 80	3	6 00	14 80	J. Ferguson.
"	30	"	220	8 80	3	6 00	14 80	R. Kirkpatrick.
"	30	"	220	8 80	3	6 00	14 80	G. Powell.
"	30	"	220	8 80	3	6 00	14 80	W. Wyatt.
"	30	"	220	8 80	3	6 00	14 80	J. Heron

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Erie	33	Port Burwell	318	12 72	3	6 00	18 72	George W. Pontine.
"	33	"	318	12 72	3	6 00	18 72	George W. Hare.
Gore	34	Brantford	328	13 12	3	6 00	19 12	Alfred Cox
"	34	"	328	13 12	3	6 00	19 12	N. T. Peatman.
"	34	"	328	13 12	3	6 00	19 12	T. Woodyatt.
Samaritan	35	Ingersoll	258	10 32	3	6 00	16 32	Hugh Kerr.
"	35	"	258	10 32	3	6 60	16 32	William Springer.
"	35	"	258	10 32	3	6 00	16 32	Henry Hearne.
St. Mary's	36	St. Mary's	266	10 64	3	6 00	16 64	C. L. Vougunton.
"	36	"	266	10 64	3	6 00	16 64	Robert Barbour.
Forest City	38	London	220	8 80	3	6 00	14 80	J. Fletcher.
"	38	"	220	8 80	3	6 00	14 80	H. Buttery.
"	38	"	220	8 80	3	6 00	14 80	M. D Dawson.
"	38	"	220	8 80	3	6 00	14 80	E Beltz.
"	38	"	220	8 80	3	6 00	14 80	R. Dawson.
Avon	41	Stratford	286	11 44	3	6 00	17 44	John Ross.
"	41	"	286	11 44	3	6 00	17 44	Charles Lee.
"	41	"	286	11 44	3	6 00	17 44	Henry Gibson.
Excelsior	44	Hamilton	372	14 88	3	6 00	20 88	Wm. Lewis.
"	44	"	372	14 88	3	6 00	20 88	Robert Griffith.
"	44	"	372	14 88	3	6 00	20 88	John Richmond.
Frontier	45	Windsor	....	.....	3	6 00	6 00	Rev, Wm. Hurst.
"	45	"	....	.....	3	6 00	6 00	Robert Lambert.
"	45	"	....	.....	3	6 00	6 00	Thomas Reid.
Mt. Zion	46	Newbury	146	5 84	2	4 00	9 84	William F. Roome, M. D.
Unity	47	Hamilton	372	14 88	3	6 00	20 88	John H. Glass.

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Unity	47	Hamilton	372	14 88	3	6 00	20 88	T. A. Tarrant.
"	47	"	372	14 88	3	6 00	20 88	George Midgley.
Dominion	48	London	220	8 80	3	6 00	14 80	William F. Howell.
"	48	"	220	8 80	3	6 00	14 80	J. W. Jones.
Canada	49	Toronto	450	18 00	3	6 00	24 00	George Wright.
"	49	"	450	18 00	3	6 00	24 00	M. Blune.
"	49	"	450	18 00	3	6 00	24 00	J. G. Coleman.
"	49	"	450	18 00	3	6 00	24 00	Wm. Menzies.
Otter	50	Tilsonburg	288	11 52	3	6 00	17 52	John Dewar.
"	50	"	288	11 52	3	6 00	17 52	S. B. W. Carpenter.
Bissell	51	Mitchell	312	12 48	3	6 00	18 48	James Kerr.
"	51	"	312	12 48	3	6 00	18 48	Thomas Leadston.
Covenant	52	Toronto	450	18 00	3	6 00	24 00	H. Blain.
"	52	"	450	18 00	3	6 00	24 00	J. T. Hornibrook.
"	52	"	450	18 00	3	6 00	24 00	H. W. Murdock.
"	52	"	450	18 00	3	6 00	24 00	J. J. Ramsay.
Niagara Falls	53	Clifton	458	18 32	3	6 00	24 32	John Bowen.
"	53	"	458	18 32	3	6 00	24 32	P. G. Bender.
Collingwood	54	Collingwood	638	25 52	3	6 00	31 52	James Henry.
"	54	"	638	25 52	3	6 00	31 52	Henry Robertson.
Fidelity	55	Seaforth	334	13 36	3	6 00	19 36	A. G. McDougall.
"	55	"	334	13 36	3	6 00	19 36	J. P. Kendall.
Queen City of Ontario	56	Toronto	450	18 00	3	6 00	24 00	C. W. Wilmott.
" "	56	"	450	18 00	3	6 00	24 00	J. R. Dunn.
" "	56	"	450	18 00	3	6 00	24 00	George Williams.
Maple Leaf	57	Orangeville	436	17 44	3	6 00	23 44	Thomas McAdam.
Frontier	44	"	372	14 88	3	6 00	20 88	John Richmond.
Frontier	45	Windsor			3	6 00	6 00	Rev, Wm. Hurst.
"	45	"			3	6 00	6 00	Robert Lambert.
"	45	"			3	6 00	6 00	Thomas Reid.
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Howard	58	Strathroy	260	10 40	3	6 00	16 40	William Chalmers.
"	58	"	260	10 40	3	6 00	16 40	Hugh McColl.
Kingston	59	Kingston	772	30 88	2	4 00	34 88	F. Fowler.
"	59	"	772	30 88	2	4 00	34 88	S. Oberndoffer.
Wardsville	60	Wardsville	152	6 08	3	6 00	12 08	William Murphy.
Corinthian	61	Oshawa	518	20 72	3	6 00	26 72	James McFedries.
Huron	62	Goderich	376	15 04	3	6 00	21 04	Thomas Renwick.
Barrie	63	Barrie	578	23 12	3	6 00	29 12	A. V. Palmer.
Victoria	64	Hamilton	372	14 88	3	6 00	20 88	J. B. Laing.
Friendship	65	Petrolia	156	6 24	3	6 00	12 24	A. Suhler.
Exeter	67	Exeter	260	10 40	3	6 00	16 40	James Gilles.
North Star	68	Stayner	622	24 88	3	6 00	30 88	W. B. Sanders.
Hope	69	Harrietsville	254	10 16	3	6 00	16 16	C. Barr.
Lucan	70	Lucan	234	9 36	3	6 00	15 36	C. F. Pashley.
The Toronto	71	Toronto	450	18 00	3	6 00	24 00	John Ritchie, Jr.
"	71	"	450	18 00	3	6 00	24 00	M. E. Snider.
Fergus	73	Fergus	398	15 92	3	6 00	21 92	Wm. Rodgers.
Warriner	75	Port Perry	556	22 24	3	6 00	28 24	Richard Warriner.
St. Thomas	76	St. Thomas	250	10 00	3	6 00	16 00	J. C. Lindop.
"	76	"	250	10 00	3	6 00	16 00	J. M. Green.
Oxford	77	Ingersoll	258	10 32	3	6 00	16 32	James F. Morey.
"	77	"	258	10 32	3	6 00	16 32	Henry Little.
Durham	78	Port Hope	558	23 52	3	6 00	29 52	E. G. Chant.
Nipissing	79	Uxbridge	536	21 44	2	4 00	25 44	George Wheler.
Amity	80	Prescott	892	35 68	3	6 00	41 68	James Roynolds.
"	80	"	892	35 68	3	6 00	41 68	W. Movatt.

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"	77	"	258	10 32	3	6 00	16 32	Henry Little.
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Belleville	81	Belleville	676	27 04	3	6 00	33 04	J. L. Davis.
Beaver	82	Ruthven	60	2 40	2	4 00	6 40	John McNutt.
Clinton	83	Clinton	352	14 08	3	6 00	20 08	William Foster.
Walkerton	84	Walkerton	498	19 92	3	6 00	25 92	E. Stoney.
Constellation	85	Burgessville	298	11 92	3	6 00	17 92	J. O. Campbell.
Napanee	86	Napanee	722	28 88	3	6 00	34 88	W. F. Sandford.
Empire	87	St. Catharines	436	17 44	3	6 00	23 44	Harper Wilson.
Olive Branch	88	Woodstock	276	11 04	1	2 00	13 04	Cl. T. Campbell.
Reliance	89	Guelph	366	14 64	3	6 00	20 64	G. W. Jessop.
Ivy	90	Park Hill	206	8 24	3	6 00	14 24	J. J. Dyas.
Grand River	91	Paris	314	12 56	3	6 00	18 56	P. B. Hatch, (of Gore Lodge 34)
Milton	92	Milton	420	16 80	3	6 00	22 80	Wm. Mara (of Q. City of Ont.)
Western City	93	Chatham	90	3 60	3	6 00	9 60	John Oswald.
Aylmer	94	Aylmer	274	10 96	3	6 00	16 96	C. H. Hankinson.

The foregoing table is computed in accordance with the resolution of this Grand Lodge, at four cents per mile, and two dollars per diem.

Your committee beg to move the the following resolution:

Resolved,—That the foregoing Report be adopted, and that the Grand Master do issue orders on the Grand Treasurer in accordance therewith, in favor of the Officers and Representatives.

P. B. HATCH, GEO. E PATTERSON
JOHN RITCHIE, JR., THOS. LEADSTON,
JOHN J. RAMSAY.

The following, moved by W. N. Ford, P. G. M., seconded by Rep. J. J. Dyas, was resolved in the affirmative:

Resolved,—That Grand Chaplain, C. S. Male be granted leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

Rep. J. Ritchie, Jr., from the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, submitted the following Report, which was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Mileage and Per Diem beg leave to present the following Supplementary Report:

The following brothers, Past Grand Masters James Smith, R. Wigmore, and Wm. N. Ford, having been appointed by the M. W. G. M. a Special Committee to divide this jurisdiction into Districts, and not being entitled to mileage and per diem as representatives, would respectfully recommend that they be paid at the same rate as representatives, as follows:

James Smith, London,	220	miles,	$ 8.80,	3	days,	$6.00	per diem,	$14 80
Richd. Wigmore, "	220	"	8.80,	3	"	6.00	"	14 80
Wm. N. Ford, St. Marys,	266	"	10.64,	3	"	6.00	"	16 64
								$46 24

All of which is respectfully submitted.
We therefore submit the following:
Resolved,—That the above Report be adopted.

P. B. HATCH,
JOHN RITCHIE, JR.,
THOS. LEADSTON,
JOHN J. RAMSAY.

Rep. P. B. Hatch, from the same Committee, submitted the following Report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

Your Committee on Mileage and Per Diem beg leave to present the following Supplementary Report:

The following brothers, Past Grand Master H. C. Bingham, F. T. Barker, P. G., Rep. Cl. T. Campbell, Rep. Henry Robertson, P.G.M. Thomas Partridge, having been appointed a Special Committee on Laws of Subordinates, would recommend that they receive mileage and per diem, the same as accorded to representatives, and those of that Committee who are representatives receive allowance for one day's extra service on that Committee in London, as follows:

P. G. M., H. C. Bingham,	220	miles,	$ 8.80	4	days,	at $2.00,	$8.00,	$16.80
P. G., F. T. Barker,	450	"	18.00	4	"	2.00,	8.00,	26.00
Rep. Cl. T. Campbell,				1	"	2.00,	2.00,	2.00
Rep. Henry Robertson,				1	"	2.00,	2 00,	2 00
P. G. M., Thomas Partridge,				2	"	2.00,	4.00,	4 00
								$50 80

All of which is respectfully submitted.

We therefore submit the following:

Resolved,—That the above Report be adopted.

P. B HATCH, GEO. E. PATTERSON,
JOHN RITCHIE, Jr., THOS. LEADSTON,
JOHN J. RAMSAY.

Reps. J. R. Dunn, Geo. Williams, E. Mara, Jas. Gills, Thos. Leadston, Jas. Kerr, J. J. Ramsay and T. MacAdam were, on motion, granted leave of absence after 5 o'clock, p. m.

The following, on motion of Rep. T. Renwick, seconded by W. N. Ford, P. G. M., was resolved in the affirmative;

Resolved:—That the sum of $6 00 be granted Nathan Hart, of Frontier Lodge for his services as janitor in attendance on this Grand Body at its present sitting.

The following was resolved in the affirmative, moved by Rep. Jno. Ritchie, Jr., seconded by Rep. Hugh Blain;

Resolved:—That the thanks of this R. W. Grand Lodge be tendered to Frontier Lodge, No. 45, for their kindness and courtesy during this present session.

The following was resolved in the affirmative, moved by Rep. Thos. Woodyatt, seconded by W. N. Ford, P. G. M.;

Resolved:—That this Grand Lodge pay T. Partridge, P. G. M., the sum of fifteen dollars for expenses incurred by him on his visit attending the institution of Kingston Lodge, No. 59.

James Woodyatt, P. G. M., from the Committee on State of the Order, submitted the following Report, which was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

Your Committee on the State of the Order beg leave to report on the question by Rep. J. G. Coleman, as follows:

A candidate applies for admission to a Lodge; on the evening the report is received, the Lodge opened ten minutes before the regular hour. The time for opening the Lodge had passed when the candidate was balloted for and declared elected. Has the N. G., under the circumstances, a right to declare the ballot and election illegal on account of the Lodge having been opened before the proper time, and to order a new ballot the next meeting of the Lodge?

Your Committee reply, No. The Lodge by a majority of two-thirds of the members present may declare a favorable ballot void, but not the N. G. alone. See Section 131, Digest.

submit the following:

Resolved,—That the above Report be adopted.

JAMES WOODYATT, T. MACADAM,
JAMES HERON, ISAAC SMITH,
C. H. HANKINSON.

H. C. Bingham, P. G. M., from the Committee on Appeals, submitted the following Report, which was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

Your Committee on Appeals find a number of papers connected with a petition for a Lodge to be opened in the city of Toronto, to be called Mystic Lodge.

From the papers before us, we find that a petition for said Lodge was forwarded to the Grand Master, asking for a dispensation for said Mystic Lodge, but that

upon the advice of the D. D. G. M., and upon information gained by himself, in the city of Toronto, the Grand Master declined to grant the dispensation asked for.

It being left to the discretion of the Grand Master to grant or refuse dispensations during the recess of this Grand Lodge, your Committee, without prejudice to the petitioners, have no alternative but to sustain the action of the Grand Master in the matter.

Resolved,—That the foregoing Report be adopted.

Fraternally submitted.

H. C. BINGHAM, H. W. MURDOCK,
HUGH M'COLL, R. WARRINER,
HARPER WILSON.

H. C. Bingham, P. G. M., from the same Committee, submitted the following Report, which was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

Your Committee on Appeals in the case of the appeal of John McMath against the action of Erie Lodge, in 1858, in expelling him from that Lodge, report as follows:

We have really nothing before us to sustain the appeal. We do find that on examination of the Grand Lodge Journal. that this case has previously been before the Grand Lodge, and was dismissed because no evidence was produced in the matter.

Mr. McMath represents to us that he has repeatedly endeavored to get from Erie Lodge the facts in the case from their minutes, and to get the minutes of the Committee that tried him, but has, from causes unknown to us, been unable to do so.

In view of what we can learn in the matter, we advise that Erie Lodge be instructed to furnish Mr. McMath a copy of their minutes in the matter, and also a copy of the minutes of the Committee appointed to try him, and all other documents pertaining to the case, or, in the event of being unable to do so, that Erie Lodge grant him a new trial, one course or the other to be pursued within three months from this date, August 9th, 1872.

We therefore submit the following:

Resolved,—That the foregoing Report be adopted.

H. C. BINGHAM, HARPER WILSON,
HUGH M'COLL, R. WARRINER,
H. W. MURDOCK.

Rep. G. W. Jessop, from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following Report, which was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

The Committee on Finance present the following, viz:

They have examined the Report of the Commiitee on Mileage and Per Diem, for 1871, and find an error in the calculation of the distance between Chatham and Toronto, stating the distance to be 224 miles instead of 300.

Wherefore your Committee recommend the payment of the difference, namely, the sum of $5.44 each to the representatives of Chatham Lodge who were present at the last session

Your Committee have also duly considered and would recommend that value to the amount of $115.35 (as received by this Grand Body) be returned to Rond Eau Lodge.

We therefore submit the following:

Resolved,—That this Report be adopted.

Respectfully submitted.

GEORGE W. JESSOP,
HENRY McAFEE,
JAMES REYNOLDS,
H. BLAIN.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to the Installation of Officers, as follows :

P. G. Masters, James Smith and W. N. Ford, presented to the chair, John Murray, P. G., M. W. Grand Master elect, who was duly installed into that important position, and conducted to his chair.

P. G. Masters, H. McAfee and R. Wigmore, presented Geo. Wright, P. G,, of Canada Lodge No. 49, R. W. Deputy Grand Master elect, who was duly obligated and conducted to his seat.

The same brothers then presented R. Warriner, P. G., of Warriner Lodge No. 75, R. W. Grand Warden elect, who was duly obligated and conducted to his seat.

P. G. M., James Woodyatt, presented J. B. King, P. G., Grand Secretary elect, who was duly obligated and conducted to his seat.

The same brother presented A. D. Clement, P. G., Grand Treasurer elect, who was duly obligated and conducted to his seat.

The Chair then made the following appointments, viz :

HARPER WILSON,	R. W. Grand Marshal.
J. F. MOREY	" Grand Guardian.
GEORGE MIDGELY	" Grand Conductor.
JOHN HURST	" Grand Chaplain.

Who were duly instructed in the duties of their several positions.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed the following District Deputy Grand Masters, which were confirmed by the Grand Lodge:

Wm. Fitzsimmons	Brock	No. 9
George E. Patterson	Union	" 16
J. P. Young	Chatham	" 29
	Rond Eau	" 40
	Western City	" 93
J. J. Dyas	Eureka	" 30
	Forest City	" 38
	Dominion	" 48
	Ivy	" 90
	Port Stanley	" 95
G. W. Pontine	Erie	" 33
Thomas Woodyatt	Gore	" 34
	Grand River	" 91
Hugh Kerr	Samaritan	" 35
	Oxford	" 77
C. Vongunten	St. Marys	" 36
Wm. Gibson	Avon	" 41
William Lewis	Excelsior	" 44
	Unity	" 47
	Victoria	" 64
Thomas Reid	Frontier	" 45
	Beaver	" 82
W. F. Roome	Mount Zion	" 46

George Wright, D. G. M.	Canada	" 49
	Covenant	" 52
	Queen City	" 56
	The Toronto	" 71
	Milton	" 92
Peter Campbell	Otter	" 50
C. Worth	Bissell	" 51
P. G. Bender	Niagara Falls	" 53
Arthur Moberly	Collingwood	" 54
A. G. McDougall	Fidelity	" 55
T. MacAdam	Maple Leaf	" 57
Henry Nicholson	Howard	" 58
F. Fowler	Kingston	" 59
Wm. Murphy	Wardsville	" 60
H. F. Rankin	Corinthian	" 61
J. F. Toms	Huron	" 62
A. V. Palmer	Barrie	" 63
J. S. Garner	Friendship	" 65
D. S. Weir	Florence Nightingale	" 66
David Johns	Exeter	" 67
W. B. Sanders	North Star	" 68
C. Barr	Hope	" 69
C. F. Pashley	Lucan	" 70
M. O'Donovan	Eastern Star	" 72
Wm. Rodgers	Fergus	" 73
	Bothwell	" 74
—— Oakley	Warriner	" 75
J. C. Lindop	St Thomas	" 76
J. B. Trayes	Durham	" 78
George Wheeler	Nipissing	" 79
James Reynolds	Amity	" 80
Dr. Tracey	Belleville	" 81
Wm. Foster	Clinton	" 83
E. Stoney	Walkerton	" 84
J. O. Campbell	Constellation	" 85
W. F. Sanford	Napanee	" 86
Geo. E. Patterson	Empire	" 87
Cl. T. Campbell	Olive Branch	" 88
G. W. Jessop	Reliance	" 89
	Grand Union	" 97
C. H. Hankinson	Aylmer	" 94
	Nith	" 96
William Barley	Minto	" 98

The following was presented, moved by Rep. J. Ross, seconded by Rep. H. Gibson:

Resolved,—That when the Grand Lodge adjourns, it does so to meet in the town of Stratford, on the first Wednesday in August, 1873.

James Smith, P. G. M., moved, seconded by Rep. J. B. Lang, to amend as follows, which was not agreed to:

Resolved,—That the word "Stratford" be stricken out, and the word "London" be inserted.

The question recurring on the motion of Rep. J. Ross; it was resolved in the affirmative.

The following, moved by W. N. Ford, P. G. M., seconded by H. C. Bingham, P. G. M., was resolved in the affirmative :

Resoled,—That the thanks of this R. W. Grand Lodge be and are hereby tendered to the Great Western and the Grand Trunk Railway Companys, for their kindness and courtesy in reducing the fares on their lines, for the accommodation of the officers and representatives to this R. W. Grand Body.

On motion, the Grand Lodge resolved itself into secret session, when the secret work was exemplified by Grand Representative James Woodyatt, after which the regular business was resumed.

On motion, duly seconded, the M. W. Grand Master was authorized to re-appoint the Committee on Laws of Subordinates, to meet two days previous to the next annual session, if he considers it advisable.

The business of the session being ended, the Grand Lodge adjourned, at six o'clock p. m., on the third day of the session.

S. B. King.
Grand Secy.

Nineteenth Annual Communication

HELD IN

HALL OF AVON LODGE NO. 41,—STRATFORD.

STRATFORD, August 6, 1873

Avon Lodge, No. 41, having assembled in special session in their new Hall for the purpose of receiving the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, the M. W. Grand Master, Officers and Representatives were duly announced, admitted and presented to the N. G., Bro. Simeon, who welcomed the Grand Lodge to Stratford and proffered the free use of the Hall and antè-rooms for the purposes of the present session.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. John Murray, replied to the address and on behalf of the Grand Lodge and accepted the kind offer made.

The Subordinate Lodge then closed.

The M. W. Grand Master took the chair and called the Grand Lodge to order.

On the roll being called, the following Officers were present:

JOHN MURRAY	*M. W.*	*Grand Master,*
GEORGE WRIGHT	*R. W.*	*Deputy Grand Master.*
R. WARRINER	"	*Grand Warden.*
J. B. KING	"	" *Secretary.*
A. D. CLEMENT	"	" *Treasurer.*
JAMES WOODYATT	"	" *Representative.*
JOHN GIBSON	"	" *Representative.*
HARPER WILSON	"	" *Marshall.*
JAMES F. MOREY	"	" *Conductor.*
GEORGE MIDGELY	"	" *Guardian.*

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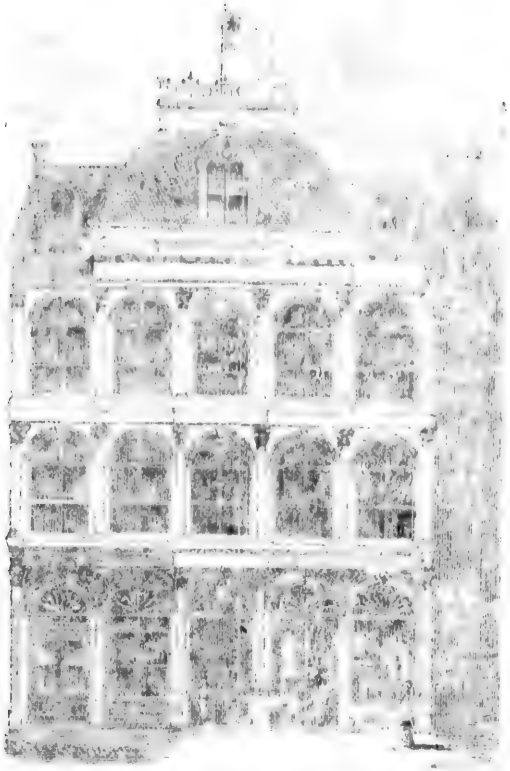

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Fifteenth Annual Communication

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[illegible] Lodge, No. [illegible], having assembled in spec[illegible] [illegible] Grand [illegible] Officers and Representatives [illegible] N. G. Bro. [illegible] Grand [illegible] Stratford and proffered [illegible] [illegible] the present [illegible]

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. [illegible] Murray, [illegible] [illegible] and accepted the [illegible]

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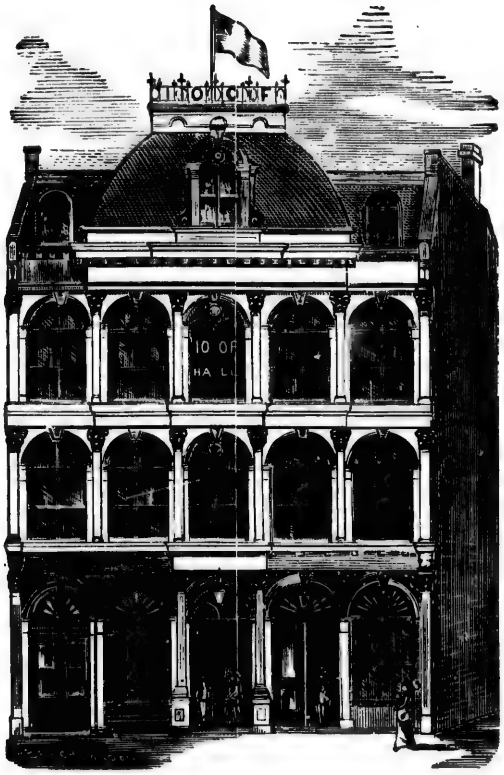

HALL OF AVON LODGE, NO. 41, I. O. O. F.,
STRATFORD.

For description see Appendix page 17.

The Rev. John Hurst, Grand Chaplain, being unable to attend the present session, the Grand Master appointed Rep. Wm. Fitzsimmons Grand Chaplain *pro tem.*

The Grand Conductor and Grand Marshall examined all present and declared them duly qualified, whereupon the R. W. Grand Chaplain addressed the Throne of Grace as follows:

ALMIGHTY AND ETERNAL GOD, our Creator, Preserver, and Constant Benefactor, we render Thee humble thanks for that kind care that has watched over us during the past year, and permitted us again to assemble in Thy name for the transaction of business. We desire to acknowledge our unworthiness in Thy sight, and we feel that without Thy Divine Help all our purposes are ineffectual and all our efforts vain. Look with favor upon our beloved Order, and aid us in our efforts to increase its usefulness. Bless the widow and the orphan; and aid all who are in distress, as Thou seest they severally need. Be with us at this time; direct and guide us in our deliberations, and grant that the spirit of peace, harmony and love may prevail among us at all times; and when our labors on earth are ended, may we enter into the rest prepared for Thy faithful servants, and with all Thy redeemed family unite in ascribing praise to Thy Holy Name, for ever and ever.—Amen.

The Grand Marshall, by direction of the chair, proclaimed the Grand Lodge open for the transaction of business.

On motion Thomas Woodyatt P. G. was appointed Assistant Grand Secretary for the present session.

The following, moved by Rep J. J, Dyas, seconded by Rep. Wm. Mowatt, was adopted:

Resolved—That the Grand Lodge consider it expedient to appoint a Reporter for the Session, and that P. G. Robert Mathison be appointed as such Reporter, with authority to publish such portions of the proceedings as may be deemed advisable.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed P. G. Charles Lee, of Avon Lodge, No. 41, Janitor for the Grand Lodge during the session.

The Chair announced the following Committee on Credentials:

J. B. King, Grand Secretary; Reps. Jno. Ritchie, Jr., J. B. Laing Tjabo Simons, and J. Henry.

J. B. King, Grand Secretary, from the Committee on Credentials submitted the following Report:

STRATFORD, August 6, 1873.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

We, your Committee on Credentials, beg leave to report that, upon examination of the returns of the Subordinate Lodges, the following Past Grands have been duly elected, and their credentials are in due form. We recommend that they be admitted to this Grand Lodge as the Representatives of the several Lodges named, as follows:

W. H. COLE WM. FITZSIMMONS RICHD. GREEN	*Brock Lodge*	No. 9
J. B. McINTYRE W. CHATFIELD J. G. SISTERSON T. HEALEY J. THOMPSON	*Union Lodge*	" 16

J. TURNER ISAAC SMITH J. P. YOUNG OTIS B. HULIN	*Chatham Lodge*	" 29
G. POWELL, Sen'r W. ATKINS E. R. ROBINSON J. MITCHELL	*Eureka Lodge*	" 30
G. W. PONTINE G. W. HARE	*Erie Lodge*	" 33
P. S. HATCH W. S. CAMPBELL	*Gore Lodge*	" 34
W. BALLANTYNE W. F. McNAUGHTON J. F. McDONALD GEO. DENNIS	*Samaritan Lodge*	" 35
W. N. FORD R. BOX	*St. Mary's Lodge*	" 36
H. E. BUTTERY GEO. SHAW E. BELTZ J. W. FLETCHER	*Forest City Lodge*	" 38
S. PERRY WM. BISSEL, P. G. M. R. J. WILSON N. FLATER	*Rond Eau Lodge*	" 40
W. MOWATT CH. T. CAMPBELL J. ROSS H. GIBSON	*Avon Lodge*	" 41
J. RICHMOND R. GRIFFITH J. S. McMAHON	*Excelsior Lodge*	" 44
H. McAFEE, P. G. M. J. W. JOHNSTON J. S. EDGAR	*Frontier Lodge*	" 45
W. F. ROOME	*Mt. Zion Lodge*	" 46
GEO. MIDGELY J. C. WILLIAMS A. McKAY J. GLASS	*Unity Lodge*	" 47
W. WOOD J. J. DYAS A. GRANT, Sen'r	*Dominion Lodge*	" 48
GEO. WRIGHT W. MENZIES J. G. COLEMAN A. G. ALLISON W. J. ANNAND	*Canada Lodge*	" 49
J. DEWAR R. H. ARMSTRONG	*Otter Lodge*	" 50
ALEX. MULHERN A. FEATHERSTONE	*Bissel Lodge*	" 51
H. BLAIN J. T. HORNIBROOK A. HUNTER J. COLBY, Jr.	*Covenant Lodge*	" 52
J. COULSON J. R. PECKHAM	*Niagara Falls Lodge*	" 53
J. HENRY R. MATHEWS	*Collingwood Lodge*	" 54
J. CAMPBELL J. F. CARTER	*Fidelity Lodge*	" 55

J. R. DUNN	*Queen City of Ontario*	" 56
J. NEIL		
J. WRIGHT		
C. W. WILMOTT		
F. G. DUNBAR	*Maple Leaf Lodge*	" 58
J. C. COOPER	*Howard Lodge*	" 58
J. CLARK		
HUGH McCOLL		
W. D. GORDON	*Kingston Lodge*	" 59
S. OBERNDOFFER		
N. HUGO		
D. GIBB	*Wardsville Lodge*	" 60
FRANCIS RAE	*Corinthian Lodge*	" 61
R. GOTT		
J. BECK	*Huron Lodge*	" 62
F. W. JOHNSTON		
J. B. LAING	*Victoria Lodge*	" 64
R. MACKAY		
J. S. GARNER	*Friendship Lodge*	" 65
J. E. DURHAM		
T. H. VANN	*Florence Nightingale*	" 66
W. P. PROWER		
D JOHNS	*Exeter Lodge*	" 67
J. B. PETRIE	*North Star Lodge*	" 68
ALEX. DUNDASS	*Hope Lodge*	" 69
D. J. McCOSH,	*Lucan Lodge*	" 70
J. RITCHIE, Jr.	*The Toronto Lodge*	" 71
J. A. PARKER	*Eastern Star Lodge*	" 72
J. A CAMPBELL		
W. RODGERS	*Fergus Lodge*	" 73
F. H. POPE	*Bothwell Lodge*	" 74
E. B. SUTHERLAND		
I. J. DAVIS	*Warriner Lodge*	" 75
J. A. STERLING		
L. FERGUSON	*St. Thomas Lodge*	" 76
W. F. FORBES		
J. H. LITTLE	*Oxford Lodge*	" 77
S. C. HARRINGTON		
W. H KELLS	*Durham Lodge*	" 78
JACOB HAUFMAN		
GEO. WHEELER	*Nipissing Lodge*	" 79
C. E. KYLE		
J. McLAUGHLIN	*Amity Lodge*	" 80
W. J. DIAMOND	*Belleville Lodge*	" 81
H. SCOTT	*Clinton Lodge*	" 83
T. SIMONS	*Constellation Lodge*	" 85
J. GRAHAM	*Napanee Lodge*	" 86
W. W. GREENWOOD	*Empire Lodge*	" 87
R. McWHINNIE	*Olive Branch Lodge*	" 88
J. L. WILSON		
G. W. JESSOP	*Reliance Lodge*	" 89
W. MARSHALL		
J. DANCEY	*Ivy Lodge*	" 90
W. REID		
JNO. LAWRENCE	*Grand River*	" 91
WM, BROWN		
J. D. MATHESON	*Milton Lodge*	" 92
JAS. CLEVE	*Western City Lodge*	" 93
JNO. OSWALD		
THOS. ROBINSON	*Pt, Stanley Lodge*	" 95
LOUIS GERMANN	*Nith Lodge*	" 96
J. M. STAEBLER	*Grand Union Lodge*	" 97
RICHARD NOAKES	*Minto Lodge*	" 98
W. J. CLARK	*Peabody Lodge*	" 99
JAMES STEWART	*Golden Star Lodge*	" 101

JNO. NEWTON	*Dosoronto Lodge*	" 102
THEO. W. WOODRUFF	*Cataract Lodge*	" 103
W. J. MOORE HENRY GRIFFITHS	*Crescent Lodge*	" 104
J. TWOHEY	*Manilla Lodge*	" 105
J. F. O'NEIL	*St. Clair Lodge*	" 106
A. McCAUSLAND	*Waterloo Lodge*	" 107
J. D. CONKLIN	*Royal Oak Lodge*	" 108
J. O. CAMPBELL	*Orion Lodge*	" 109
M E. SNIDER	*Laurel Lodge*	" 110
E. G. CHANT	*Peterboro Lodge*	" 111
I. F. THOMS	*Lucknow Lodge*	" 112
R. J. CHOWN	*Trenton Lodge*	" 113
B. J. FAGAN	*Gananoque Lodge*	" 114
N. T. PEATMAN	*Harmony Lodge*	" 115

We find that Chatham Lodge, No. 29, on a total membership, not suspended of 164, with only 117 members in good standing, has elected four Representatives The returns show per capita tax paid on 164, and the names of only three Representatives elected. Certificates for four Representatives are in the hands of the Committee.

We find by a communication from Eureka Lodge, over seal, that R. Wigmore P. G. M., and P. G. Geo. Powell, Jr., were duly elected as representatives of this Lodge, but owing to circumstances over which they had no control they resigned, and that P. G.'s Jas. Heron and Wyatt were duly elected. We recommend that they be admitted.

We find Eastern Star Lodge No. 72, has elected three (3) Representatives though entitled, on 87 members, to two. There are only two Representatives present, who state that P. G. O'Donovon will not be present. We therefore recommend that P. G's J. A. Parker and J. A. Campbell be permitted to represent that Lodge.

We find, by the returns of Forence Nightingale Lodge, No. 66, that D. Weir has been elected one of the Representatives, but a telegram in possession of your Committee requests that the name of P. G. Powers be substituted. Bro. Powers has the necessary credentials we therefore recommend that he be admitted.

We find that Gore Lodge, No. 34, with a total membership of 105—87 in good standing—has returned three Representatives as duly elected.

We find Corinthian Lodge, No. 61 with a total membership of 110—97 in good standing—has returned only two Representatives, yet has sent three with certificates of election.

We find Durham Lodge No. 78, with a total membership of 56—54 in good standing - has only returned one Representative, though entitled to two—which number have presented proper credentials.

Your Committee are under the impression that it was the intention of the Grand Lodge at its last session to so alter the Constitution—Art 2, Clause 5—that Lodges should be entitled to representation on the numbers on which they pay per capita tax. We therefore recommend that Chatham Lodge, No, 29 be allowed four Representatives: Gore Lodge, No. 34, three Representatives; Corinthian Lodge, No. 61 two Representatives; Durham Lodge, No. 78 two Representatives, as mentioned in the preceding clauses.

We also find that Beaver Lodge. No. 82; Walkerton Lodge, No. 84; Golden Star Lodge, No. 101, have not returned the name of any Representatives as having been elected, but each Lodge has its Representation present with proper credentials. Your Committee recommend that the Brothers be admitted to represent the Lodges named, at the same time deprecating the carelessness of Lodge Secretaries in not properly filling up their returns in this respect—a neglect which not only causes this Committee a great deal of extra labor, but delays the work of the Annual Session.

We find that the returns of The Toronto Lodge, No. 71, show P. G's. G. J. Fitzsimmons and J. H. Cornish as duly elected. A communication from that Lodge states that they both have resigned, and that in their stead P. G's., H. W. Murdock and F. T. Barker, of Convent Lodge No. 52, have been elected. We recommend that they be admitted as representatives of the Lodge named.

We find that J. M. Laurie, a Representative elect of Empire Lodge, No. 87, has resigned, and that P. G. Harper Wilson has been duly elected in his stead. We recommend that he be admitted as Representative.

We find that P. G. J. C. White, Representative elect of Excelsior Lodge, No. 44, has resigned, and that P. G. C. E. Pierce has been duly elected. The certificates all lack the signature of the N. G., but are otherwise correct. We recommend that they be admitted.

The certificates of Isaac Smith, of Chatham, and Francis Rae, of Corinthian Lodge, No. 61, are without the signature of the N. G., but are otherwise correct. We recommend that they be admitted.

We find that W. Mowat was duly elected to represent Amity Lodge, No. 80, but is not present. In his stead is P. G., J. Francis. He has a certificate in due form, and is vouched for by other Representatives. We recommend that he be admitted.

We find P. G. Stephen Noxon present with credentials in due form from Walkerton Lodge, No. 84, though the name is omitted from the Returns. We recommend that he be admitted as Representative

We also find that the certificates of the following named Past Grands are in due form, viz :—

P. G..	F. F. Lawrence, of Huron	Lodge,	No. 62
"	I. M. Smith, Chatham	"	" 29
"	F. G. Lewis, Samaritan	"	" 35
"	——Rollins, Exeter	"	" 67
"	R. Pickard, do	"	" "
"	J. A. Parker, Eastern Star	"	" 72
"	John Size, Oxford	"	" 77
"	Robt Morrison, Grand Union	"	" 97
"	Isaac Rigs, Avon	"	" 41
"	Jno. Humphry "	"	" "
"	E. C. Edmonds "	"	" "
"	E. L. Whitehead "	"	" "
"	Chas. Packert "	"	" "
"	F. C. Williams, Unity	"	" 47

Your Committee therefore recommend that the Representatives before named be admitted as such, and all who have not already received the Grand Lodge degree be instructed therein; also, that the above named Past Grands be admitted and instructed at the same time. and that during the remainder of the Session all Representatives and Past Grands who present themselves shall be instructed in the ante-room by the R. W. Grand Warden.

We therefore submit the following :—

Resolved, That the above Report be adopted.

Fraternally submitted.

J. B. KING, JOHN RITCHIE, JR.
T. SIMONS, J. B. LAING,
JAS. HENRY.

On motion to adopt, H. C. Bingham, P. G. M., seconded by Thos. Patridge, P. G. M. moved to amend as follows :

Resolved,—That the Report of the Credential Committee be amended by striking out "four" and inserting "three" as the Representation to which Chatham Lodge is entitled, and that in the case of Gore Lodge "two" be inserted instead of "three" in relation to the same matter.

Which was resolved in the affirmative.

The question being on the adoption of the report as amended, it was adopted.

In accordance therewith, the Representatives and Past Grands were admitted and instructed.

On motion to adopt the minutes of last session as read, Thos. Partridge, P. G. M., seconded by H. C. Bingham, P. G. M., moved the following which was agreed to.

Resolved.—That the words "*sine die,*" in last clause be striken out.

The minutes as so amended were then adopted.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed the following Standing Committees :

On Distribution.—Reps. Cl. T. Campbell, J. G. Sisterson, J. R. Dunn, E. G. Chant, I. J. Davis.

On Returns.—Reps.James Heron, Walter Chatfield, F. Fowler,T.H. Vann, T. Colby, Jr., John Graham.

On Finance.—Reps. Hugh Blain, William Mowatt, (of Avon Lodge, No. 41), W. D. Gordon, Geo. W. Jessop, W. J. Diamond.

On Appeals.—Reps. Wm. Fitzsimmons, J. S. Garner, M. E. Snider, Henry Grffith, J. D. Matheson.

On Laws of Subordinates.—H. C. Bingham, P. G. M., Thos. Partridge, P. G. M., Rep. Cl. T. Campbell.

On Printing.—J. B. King (G. Sec'y), Reps. J. R. Coulson, G. W. Pontine, John Graham.

On Legislation.—Wm. N. Ford, P. G. M., Reps. Jno. Dewar, I. F. Toms, J. F. McDonald, W. S. Campbell

On State of the Order—P. G. M's. James Woodyatt, H. C. Bingham H. McAfee, Reps, T. Healey, H.E. Buttery, George Wheeler.

On Mileage and Per Diem—Reps. P. B. Hatch, E. Beltz. J. F. O'Neil, W. Rodgers.

On Petitions and Correspondence—Reps. J. J. Dyas, Hugh McColl, J. B. McIntyre, R. Tracey, Jno. Lawrence.

The M. W. Grand Master submitted his annual address, and on motion of Rep. H. E. Buttery, seconded by Rep. W. Chatfield, the reading of the same was dispensed with, and the report was referred to the Committee on Distribution.

R. W. GRAND MASTER'S REPORT.

STRATFORD, Aug. 6th, 1873,

To the Officers and Representatives of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

BRETHREN,—We have met together this morning in this beautiful Lodge Room, surrounded by old and familiar faces, to legislate for the welfare of our noble Order ; and in accordance with our Constitution and custom, it becomes my pleasing duty, as Grand Master, to submit to you a Report of my official acts during the past year.

Brothers : the past year has indeed been one of marked prosperity in Ontario. Never since our Order was instituted, in this jurisdiction had we greater cause to lift up one and all our hearts and voices in praise and thanksgiving to our Supreme Grand Master, for the manifold evidences of His approval of our humble efforts in the great cause of the brotherhood of man, and the elevation of human character.

The most convincing evidence of the prosperity of our Order for the past year is the increased representation that we see in this beautiful Lodge Room.

Brethren, one and all, I am happy to meet you, and I earnestly hope that our meeting together will be for good, and for the best interests of our noble Order in this jurisdiction. Without any further introduction, I will now proceed to give you in detail, a history of my official doings during the past year, and, should errors or omisions be discovered therein, attribute them to the head, but not to the heart.

CLAUSE 1.

In accordance with resolution of this R. W. Grand Lodge, held in Windsor, I have prepared and presented Charters for the following Lodges, viz :—

Durham	No.	78	Port Hope.
Nipissing,	"	79	Uxbridge.
Amity,	"	80	Prescott.
Belleville,	"	81	Belleville.
Beaver,	"	82	Ruthven.
Clinton.	"	83	Clinton.
Walkerton,	"	84	Walkerton.
Constellation	"	85	Burgessville
Napanee,	"	86	Napanee
Empire,	"	87	St. Catharines
Olive Branch,	"	88	Woodstock
Reliance,	"	89	Guelph
Ivy,	"	90	Parkhill
Grand River,	"	91	Paris
Milton,	"	92	Milton
Western City,	"	93	Chatham
Aylmer,	"	94	Aylmer
Port Stanley	"	95	Port Stanley
Nith,	"	96	New Hamburg
Grand Union	"	97	Berlin
Minto,	"	98	Harriston,

CLAUSE 2.—NEW LODGES.

The following new Lodges have been instituted during the year, and are now at work under dispensation, for which I would recommend Charters being granted, viz :—

Peabody	No.	99,	Inst.	Sept.	12,	1872	Watford
Lindsay		100,	"	"	24,	"	Lindsay
Golden Star		101,	"	Oct.	10,	"	Brampton
Dosoronto		102,	"	Nov.	15,	"	Mill Point
Cataract		103,	"	Dec.	5,	"	Drummondville
Crescent		104,	"	Jan.	31,	1873	Hamilton
Manilla		105,	"	Feb.	26,	"	Manilla
St. Clair		106,	"	"	27,	"	Pt. Edward
Waterloo		107,	"	Mar.	11,	"	Galt
Royal Oak		108,	"	"	19,	"	Forest
Orion		109,	"	"	20,	"	Georgetown
Laurel		110,	"	May	5,	"	Yorkville
Peterboro		111,	"	"	7,	"	Peterboro
Lucknow		112,	"	"	9,	"	Lucknow

Trenton	113,	"	June	11,	"	.....	Trenton
Gananoque	114,	"	"	16,	"	.....	Gananoque
Harmony	115,	"	"	24,	"	.....	Brantford
Naomi	116,	"	July	1,	"	.....	Markham
Valley City	117,	"	"	10,	"	.....	Dundas
Shannonville	118,	"	"	31,	"	.....	Shannonville.

Representatives : allow me to congratulate you upon the prosperity of our beloved Order in this jurisdiction. It must be gratifying to us all to note this rapid growth and advance of our Order in Ontario, giving such plain indications that the sublime principles of Odd Fellowship has an abiding place in the hearts of its membership. I will take this opportunity of expressing my heartfelt thanks to John Gibson, P. G. M., of Stratford, for the valuable assistance I have received at his hands ; I am indebted to him for instituting St. Clair Lodge, No. 105 ; and to J. B. King, Grand Secretary, and James Woodyatt, G. R., and D. G. M., George Wright, R. W. G. Marshal, H. Wilson, G. Guardian, James F. Morey, of Ingersoll, and to many of the brethren throughout the jurisdiction, for their able assistance on similar occasions.

CLAUSE 3.—DEDICATIONS.

Sept. 12, 1872, assisted by a number of Brethren of Howard Lodge, I dedicated the new and commodious hall of Peabody, No. 99, Watford, to the principles of our Order, after which a very pleasant evening was spent with the brethren.

December 2, 1872, assisted by J. F. Morey, G. Guardian, and Hugh Kerr, D. D. G. M., of Samaritan Lodge, I dedicated to the principles of F. L. and T., a beautiful Lodge Room to the brethren of Otter Lodge, Tilsonburg, the ceremonies being performed in public. I have reason to believe that much good has resulted to the Lodge from that meeting.

January 1, 1873, the Hall of Durham Lodge, Port Hope, was publicly dedicated, and largely attended by the brethren of the eastern Lodges.

January 2, 1873, I dedicated a beautiful Lodge Room for the brethren of Lindsay. These enterprising brethren have shown to the outer world that they have the principles of Odd Fellowship at heart.

January 15th. the new hall erected for the brethren of St. Thomas Lodge, St. Thomas, was publicly dedicated in the presence of a large assembly. The hall is an ornament to the place, and a credit to the members of the Lodge.

January 21st, with the assistance of P. G. M., Bingham, I publicly dedicated, for the brethren of Oxford Lodge, Ingersoll, a spacious and beautiful hall to the principles of our Order.

July 8th, a similar work was performed with the assistance of P. G. M., Bingham and a number of brethren from St. Thomas and Tilsonburg, which will result in much good to the Order in Aylmer.

CLAUSE 5.—DISPENSATIONS GRANTED.

Numerous applications have been made to me during the year for permission to hold anniversaries, excursions, pic-nics, balls, &c., some in the name and regalia of the Order ; all of which were cheerfully granted, believing them, when properly conducted, for the good and welfare of the Order. In each case my dispensation was granted

with the proviso, and upon the express condition that no intoxicating liquors of any kind should be offered to the members or guests present on the occasion ; and I am happy to be able to announce that so far as I have learned or been informed the law has not been violated. In my opinion, among the noblest and grandest tenets of our Order,are its moral, social and fraternal features. There should be cultivated among the Lodges and members more friendly relations; more familiar acquaintances, more brotherly love, and more practical illustrations of the principles of the great brotherhood of man.

CLAUSE 6.

Official Reports of the D. D. Grand Masters of this jurisdiction have in most cases been made at proper intervals during the year; however, in some cases the position has been sadly neglected.

CLAUSE 7

From the almost innumerable questions which have been submitted for my decision, I deem only the following of sufficient importance to embody in my report :

Question submitted from Avon Lodge, No. 41, Stratford, and appeal taken from the decision of W. Gibson, D. D. G. M., upon the following questions by P. G., Henry Gibson—

Question 1.—Is a vote of the Lodge *necessary* to receive a proposition for membership ?

Question 2.—Is a vote necessary to receive the report of the Committee on such proposition before the ballot is taken on the candidate ?

The D. D. G. M. decided both questions in the negative. Appeal was taken to the Grand Master. I concurred fully with the decisions of the D. D. G. M., as being in accordance with the Constitution governing Lodges in this jurisdiction.

All other questions have been readily answered by referring to the Digest and Journals of this R. W. Grand Lodge.

CLAUSE 8.

A dispensation was granted to Lindsay Lodge, No. 100, permitting the election of a Scarlet Degree Member as N. G., there being no other qualified, the dispensation was granted.

CLAUSE 9.

In accordance with the resolution of this R W. Grand Lodge of last session, (page 921 of Journal of Proceedings,) I re-appointed the Committee on Laws and Subordinates to meet two days previous to the session, consisting of the following named brothers :—H. C. Bingham, P. G. M. ; T. Partridge, P. G. M ; and Cl. T. Campbell, P. G.

The Committee which was appointed for dividing the jurisdiction into Districts I did not think necessary to re-appoint, as their labors were not completed at the last session.

CLAUSE 10—CIRCULAR ISSUED

Upon the Return of your Representatives from the G. L. U. S., they suggested to me the advisability of inviting the G. L. U. S. to hold their session of 1874 in Ontario. In accordance with their wish I caused a circular to be issued to the different Lodges in this jurisdiction as to the advisability of such an undertaking. I have no hesitation in

stating that if that honorable body were invited to this jurisdiction it would be a lasting benefit to the Order in Ontario.

CLAUSE 11—OFFICIAL LABORS.

During the past year I have had the pleasure of visiting officially nearly all the Lodges in this jurisdiction, and I can congratulate this R. W. Grand Lodge upon the prosperity of the Lodges in this jurisdiction. I assure you, brethren, no one feels deeper interested in the good and welfare of our Order, or its future progress and or prosperity, than your humble servant. My wish is that the Supreme Master of the Universe will bless all our undertakings for good.

In conclusion with this clause, I officially visited Barrie Lodge and found the field large but the laborers few. There seems to be a general dissatisfaction and bad management on the part of the first officers of the Lodge. The consequence will be, I am afraid, the surrender of its Charter. There will doubtless be a number of Grand Lodge Cards applied for should the Lodge cease to work; I would therefore recommend to this R. W. Grand Lodge that a minute enquiry be made in each case before the cards be granted.

CLAUSE 12.

During the past year I received a circular from the R. W. G. Secretary of the State of Mississippi, asking permission from this jurisdiction to apply to its subordinates for pecuniary aid to assist the brethren of Manchester Lodge, No. 34, Yazoo City, Miss., for assistance to rebuild their hall, recently destroyed by fire.

The document will be laid before your Committee on Correspondence, and I trust that this R. W. G. Lodge will give it a careful consideration.

CLAUSE 13.—REPRESENTATIVES.

I refer you to the Grand Secretary's Report for the statistics of the Order in Ontario, for the year. From that you will receive conclusive evidence that the year has been one of unexampled prosperity in this jurisdiction.

To Bro. J. B. King, R. W. G. Secretary I desire to express my sincere regards, and to acknowledge my personal obligations for his usual kindness and assistance in our official relations, and for the prompt and faithful discharge of every duty.

MISCELLANEOUS.

During the past year, after being properly satisfied, I granted a Grand Lodge Card to Brother David J. Woodward, of Erie, Pa., granted May 14th, to allow him an opportunity of again affiliating with our Order, for which I ask your approval.

During the past month, Howard Lodge, No. 58, of Strathroy, met with a serious disaster by fire, losing the whole of their paraphernalia, Charter, and everything in connection with the working of their Lodge. Finding such to be the case, I issued a dispensation until this R. W. G. Lodge should assemble, and I would therefore recommend that a duplicate Charter be presented to Howard Lodge in place of the one destroyed by fire, in accordance with Digest, 75, sec. 337.

Representatives: I cannot allow this opportunity to pass without calling your attention to the immediate necessity of legislating to the end that some means may be adopted to lessen the labors of your

Grand Master, for I can assure you, from experience, that the position is one of great labor and anxiety ; and without recommending any particular plan of getting at the desired object, I leave the whole subject to this R. W. G. Lodge. I would, however, recommend that some Constitutional action be immediately taken to lessen the duties of your M. W. G. M.

Representatives : before surrendering my trust to my successor, I should be doing violence to my own heart were I at this time to neglect thanking you for the distinguished honor I have received by your suffrage. To be the Grand Master of such a jurisdiction, at the period of its greatest prosperity and usefulness is a distinction to which no generous nature can be insensible. To have enjoyed the confidence of so noble a body as this, is a memory that shall ever sweeten my cup of life, and refresh my soul as it passes from earthly scenes to the solemn audit of eternity. And now, in conclusion, my brethren, let me beseech one and all to strive to enhance the happiness of each other, so far as is possible in your capacity, discarding all sentiments of hate and vengeance, displaying liberality of thought and magnanimity of feeling: let us plight an undying hostility to vice, and render homage to wisdom and virtue ; let dignity, sobriety and truth give a tone and manliness to all our discussions and intercourse ; let each brother daily appreciate the Brotherhood of Man and the Fatherhood of God.

In the hope and with the prayer that this session may be characterized by the usual good fellowship incident in our Councils, and with grateful and fraternal greetings to all, I summon you to the dispatch of the business before you

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN MURRAY. *Grand Master.*

The R. W. Grand Secretary then submitted his Annual Report.

Rep. H. Blain, seconded by Rep. Cl. T. Campbell, moved the following which was adopted.

Resolved, That the reading of the report of the Grand Secretary be dispensed with, a printed copy being in possession of every member, and that it be referred to the Committee on Distribution.

Resolved in the Affirmative.

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

To the M. W. Grand Master, Officers, and Representatives of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F. :

I take pleasure in presenting this my seventh annual report of the business of the year,and in so doing have to offer my congratulations to the Order for the degree of prosperity which has been vouchsafed.

The duties devolving upon me by special resolution, as also the ordinary routine duties have been punctually attended to.

1. Immediately upon the close of the last session I compiled the minutes and had printed five hundred copies, of which I forwarded copies to each Officer, Representative, and to each Lodge ; also to each State Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment.

2. I duly forwarded the resolution of thanks passed by the Grand Lodge to the Great Western and Grand Trunk Railways (page 920), and have received from each Company reduced fares for Representa-

tives, &c., to the present session. Though the reduction is not so great as in former years yet I am informed the present arrangement is general as regards societies meeting this year.

3. A new edition of the Charge Books having been issued I procured from the Grand Cor. and Rec. Secretary one hundred and seventy-five copies and at once issued a circular to the Lodges notifying them that I had the new book ready for delivery. Most Lodges promptly ordered copies, though some are not yet supplied. I would recommend that all old Charge Books be at once called in and destroyed, in order that Lodges may have the new and complete book only, thus securing uniformity. Lodges that purchased the Pictorial Edition and have not exchanged them for the new revised edition can do so at an expense of $1 for each copy exchanged.

4. I duly forwarded to the Grand Cor. and Rec. Secretary, J. L. Ridgley, the Annual Report of this jurisdiction, together with the amount due the Grand Lodge of the United States, the receipt of which has been acknowledged.

5. Upon receipt from J. L. Ridgley of copies of the revised Journal of the Session of 1872, Grand Lodge of the United States, I at once forwarded one copy to each Lodge and Officer of the Grand Lodge. The Journal is replete with information that should be carefully studied. If Lodge Officers would occasionally look over this report, as well as the report of our own jurisdiction, they would find information which would frequently save letters to the Grand Master or Grand Secretary on very trivial questions.

6. I have received from the Chicago Relief Committee a number of copies of their final report very neatly bound in paper. The report seems to be very carefully compiled and gives a complete history of the extensive labors of that Committee from its appointment until its discharge, and as a history of the immense liberality of our Order is invaluable. I have sent one copy to each Lodge in this jurisdiction which contributed to the fund and to each Grand Officer, also to other Lodges, as far as the supply I had sent me would go.

7. I duly issued a circular to the Lodges calling their attention to the Constitution of Subordinates, with regard to notifying this office of rejections, suspensions, &c. Lodges have for the most part complied with the instructions, and I have monthly sent out a complete list compiled from the statements supplied by the Lodges. The first two months I wrote the statements, but finding from the greatly increasing number it would be impossible to continue writing them, I have since had them printed, though with as much care and secrecy as if written in my own office. I consider the notifying Lodges of rejections as entirely useless—except in places where two or more Lodges exist—as the law requiring a six months' residence obviates the necessity of the notice. I am led to believe that some old Lodges do not observe that law, and take in members before they are residents of the locality the required time. Lodges that violate this law would not take the trouble to examine the Black Book to find if the candidate had been expelled or rejected. While these very frequent rejections by some Lodges are expensive and laborious, I believe much, almost irreparable mischief is often done by them, and the harmony of the Lodges affected, which might be avoided by the Lodges adopting a By Law requiring one week's notice from any Brother who intended to propose a candidate. A word to the intending proposer would induce him—in the majority of cases—to withdraw the name. The Lodges with which I am more in-

timately acquainted have such a By-Law, and as a consequence, a rejection is very rare. I trust the Grand Lodge will take action in this matter.

8. The semi-Annual Returns from all Lodges excepting Barrie Lodge, No. 63, have been received for terms ending respectively Dec. 31st, 1872, and June 30th, 1873. These returns show a large increase in funds and membership and exhibit a large amount of money expended for relief. Yet a great many of them are very indifferently made out and evidently are not what it is intended they should be—a careful and exact resume of the Term. Some Lodges shew a number of brothers relieved but no amount paid for relief ; others a large sum paid for relief but no brother relieved. Others shew their annual receipts to be $500 or $1,000 and yet have little or no money in either funds. These returns to be of any use should be correct, and as the blanks are supplied, it seems that a very little labor and thought would make them more correct. The custom adopted by some Lodges of making the office of Secretary a stepping stone to the office of Vice Grand is, I believe. an injurious one. Much of the success of Lodges depends upon its Secretary, therefore the best talent the Lodge contains for the office should be secured and if possible kept in office even though a salary should be necessary to do so.

9. I duly notified Erie Lodge, No. 33, of the action had by the Grand Lodge on the appeal of John McMath, late of Erie Lodge, and have received from that Lodge a copy of trial and action of that Lodge on the case.

10. During the year twenty new Lodges have been instituted and one ceased to work, leaving a present total of eighty-six working Lodges, with an aggregate membership of 6,745, truly a large army of men engaged in the good work of relieving and comforting the afflicted. The value of the relief paid in dollars and cents can easily be estimated,but the many words of kindness, sympathy and encouragement are of untold value.

11. Realizing the benefit sustained by the Order from the very complete report of the session held in Brockville, and published in the daily papers, I would suggest the advisability of employing some competent brother connected with this Grand Lodge to report each annual session.

12. A number of the Lodges have based their representation on the number of members not suspended, that being the number on which the capitation tax is calculated. The Constitution reads that "each Lodge shall be entitled to representation on the number of members in good standing." I have written to the Lodges which have elected more Representatives than allowed by the clause above referred to. The matter was probably overlooked when revising the Constitution. It is necessary that some action should be taken by the Grand Lodge to decide the Representation that Lodges are entitled to.

13. A number of Lodges are in arrears for account. I would respectfully call the attention of the Grand Lodge to Clause 9, Art. 5 of its Constitution.

14. Some Lodges are also using singing odes of their own printing. I would call your attention to Section 807, Digest Laws G. L. U. S.

15. The receipts for Per Capita tax this year have been $3075.15 against $3223.38 percentage last year, a saving in favor of the Lodges of $148.23 with 20 more Lodges and a largely increased membership.

A slight difference in the above figures with the statement of receipts appears, but is accounted for by two Lodges having paid their percentage, due June 30th, 1872, in Aug. 1872.

16. The journals of the following Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments have been received, and contain much of useful information and well repay perusal :

Grand Lodges of Vermont, Maine, Massachusetts, Oregon, Rhode Island, Kansas, Nevada, Michigan, New York, New Hampshire, Georgia, Colorado, California, West Virginia, Louisiana, Wisconsin, Indiana, Alabama, South Carolina, Kentucky, Nebraska, Arkansas, Minnesota, Virginia, Ohio, and Lower Provinces of B. N. A.

Grand Encampments—Illinois, Ontario, Iowa, Maine, District of Columbia, Wisconsin, Ohio and Michigan.

17. A careful abstract from the Semi-Annual returns ; statement of receipts for the year : table of mortality, &c., are herewith presented.

In conclusion, I have to thank the Grand Lodge for the confidence so long reposed in me ; subordinate Lodges for kind consideration in invitations to attend various entertainments ; and to the Grand Officers and members generally for many acts of courtsey. The intercourse between this office and its numerous correspondents has been of the most harmonious character, such as cannot but inspire the most fraternal relations.

All of which is fraternally submitted for your information and consideration.

S. W. King.
Grand Secy.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

BY THE GRAND SECRETARY; YEAR ENDING JULY 31ST, 1873.

Date.		LODGE.	Number.	Charter Fee.	Supplies.	Cap. Tax.	Total.
1872							
Aug.	1	Barrie	63	..	3 69	..	3 69
"	1	"	63	.	...	5 40	5 40
"	2	Nith	96	30 00	..	..	30 00
"	2	Peabody	99	30 00	..	..	30 00
"	6	Grand Union	97	30 00	..	..	30 00
"	6	Minto	98	30 00	..	...	30 00
"	6	Excelsior	44	...	...	34 87	34 87
"	6	Fidelity	55	...	4 00	..	4 00
"	8	Nipissing	79	..	30 49	..	30 49
"	22	Victoria	64	..	6 00	..	6 00
"	31	Eureka	30	..	3 25	..	3 25
"	31	Oxford	77	...	2 23	..	2 23
Sept.	7	Lindsay	100	30 00	..	..	30 00
"	9	Excelsior	44	...	3 00	...	3 00
"	9	Samaritan	35	..	27 66	..	27 66
"	30	Friendship	65	..	6 00	..	6 00
Oct.	4	Golden Star	101	30 00	...	..	30 00
"	4	Covenant	52	..	10 00	..	10 00
"	9	Dominion	48	.	12 00	..	12 00
"	17	Dosoronto	102	30 00	..	..	30 00
"	22	Howard	58	...	6 00	..	6 00
"	22	Oxford	77	...	1 44	..	1 44
Nov.	4	Golden Star	101	...	31 65	.	31 65
"	13	Bothwell	74	...	18 25	..	18 25
"	19	Union	16	..	7 25	...	7 25
"	22	Cataract	103	30 00	..	..	30 00
Dec.	2	Western City	93	..	2 00	..	2 00
"	2	Clinton	83	...	5 00	..	5 00
"	3	Constellation	85	...	1 00	...	1 00
"	4	Eureka	30	...	4 63	..	4 63
"	5	Erie	33	..	5 00	.	5 00
"	5	Oxford	77	..	5 00	..	5 00
"	5	Olive Branch	88	..	1 50	..	1 50
"	11	Samaritan	35	..	2 00	..	2 00
"	13	Florence Nightingale	66	..	7 00	...	7 00
"	16	Brock	9	..	2 50	..	2 50
"	18	Cataract	103	..	33 40	...	33 40
"	25	Crescent	104	30 00	...	..	30 00
"	26	Port Stanley	95	..	2 00	..	2 00
1873							
Jan.	2	Otter	50	..	3 25	...	3 25
"	3	Gore	34	..	..	26 75	26 75
"	3	St. Thomas	76	..	4 00	19 25	23 25
"	6	Erie	33	...	..	15 25	15 25

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Date.		LODGE.	Number.	Charter Fee.	Supplies.	Cap. Tax.	Total.
1873							
Jan.	6	Kingston	59	...	..	17 50	17 50
"	6	Howard	58	..	..	28 50	28 50
"	6	Peabody	99	...	34 15	5 75	39 90
"	6	Nith	96	...	..	5 50	5 50
"	10	Gore	34	..	3 00	..	3 00
"	10	Grand River	91	..	..	13 50	13 50
"	11	Western City	93	..	..	12 25	12 25
"	11	Chatham	29	.	..	37 50	37 50
"	11	Rond Eau	40	..	..	10 00	10 00
"	11	Florence Nightingale	66	..	..	21 25	21 25
"	13	Fergus	73	...	1 05	14 00	15 05
"	14	Fidelity	55	..	...	19 00	19 00
"	14	Samaritan	35	..	1 50	..	1 50
"	14	Reliance	89	..	10 00	14 25	24 25
"	14	Grand Union	97	...	35 95	6 75	42 70
"	14	Dosoronto	102	..	31 65	..	31 65
"	14	Union	16	..	.	48 50	48 50
"	14	Empire	87	..	..	13 00	13 00
"	14	Corinthian	61	..	..	22 75	22 75
"	14	Durham	78	..	..	13 75	13 75
"	16	Bissell	51	...	..	18 50	18 50
"	16	Lucan	70	..	..	11 50	11 50
"	16	Huron	62	..	3 00	23 50	26 50
"	16	Otter	50	..	..	20 75	20 75
"	16	Avon	41	...	...	42 00	42 00
"	16	Excelsior	44	..	..	40 75	40 75
"	16	Unity	47	..	...	44 25	44 25
"	16	Victoria	64	..	..	15 25	15 25
"	17	Oxford	77	...	.	15 75	15 75
"	17	Samaritan	35	...	..	34 50	34 50
"	17	Canada	49	..	..	58 25	58 25
"	17	Covenant	52	..	.	64 25	64 25
"	17	Queen City of Ontario	56	...	...	37 50	37 50
"	17	The Toronto	71	..	..	30 25	30 25
"	17	Milton	92	..	..	5 75	5 75
"	20	Warriner	75	...	3 00	18 50	21 50
"	20	Lindsay	100	..	..	13 25	13 25
"	20	Mount Zion	46	..	..	7 00	7 00
"	20	Hope	69	..	6 00	5 00	11 00
"	20	Brock	9	..	2 50	28 00	30 50
"	20	Eureka	30	..	..	66 25	66 25
"	20	Forest City	38	...	..	69 25	69 25
"	20	Dominion	48	...	3 00	37 50	40 50
"	20	Ivy	90	..	..	12 25	12 25
"	20	Port Stanley	95	..	3 00	5 25	8 25
"	21	Walkerton	84	...	...	9 00	9 00
"	21	Niagara Falls	53	..	..	17 50	17 50
"	22	Wardsville	60	...	..	10 00	10 00
"	22	Belleville	81	..	..	17 25	17 25
"	22	Amity	80	...	..	15 75	15 75
"	30	Clinton	83	..	..	9 75	9 75
"	30	Friendship	65	...	6 06	29 00	35 06
"	30	Nipissing	79	..	...	12 50	12 50
"	30	Forest City	38	.	5 00	...	5 00
"	30	Golden Star	101	..	1 75	..	1 75
"	30	Rond Eau	40	..	5 00	..	5 00
Feb.	3	Avon	41	..	3 50	..	3 50

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Date.		LODGE.	Number.	Charter Fee.	Supplies	Cap. Tax.	Total.
1873							
Feb.	3	Howard	58	.	1 00	...	1 00
"	3	Eureka	30	..	1 50	..	1 50
"	3	Ivy	90	..	5 00	..	5 00
"	3	North Star	68	..	.	6 50	6 50
"	3	Lindsay	100	..	33 15	..	33 15
"	3	Exeter	67	..	...	8 75	8 75
"	4	St. Marys	36	..	..	22 00	22 00
"	4	Eastern Star	72	..	..	21 75	21 47
"	4	Beaver	82	.	72	6 75	7 75
"	4	Frontier	45	..	20	33 00	33 20
"	4	St. Marys	36	...	4 50	...	4 50
"	5	Durham	78	..	5 00	...	5 00
"	5	Napanee	86	..	..	11 25	11 25
"	5	Dosoronto	102	..	1 08	..	1 08
"	5	Cataract	103	..	2 00	...	2 00
"	11	"	103	...	..	4 25	4 25
"	11	Niagara Falls	53	..	5 00	...	5 00
"	11	St. Clair	106	30 00	...	..	30 00
"	13	Minto	98	..	37 45	6 75	4 20
"	14	Collingwood	54	..	..	16 50	16 50
"	15	Oxford	77	..	5 00	..	5 00
"	19	Waterloo	107	30 00	...	...	30 00
"	19	Olive Branch	88	..	...	11 50	11 50
"	22	Bothwell	74	...	3 00	..	3 00
"	24	Peabody	99	...	2 00	..	2 00
"	25	Manilla	105	30 00	..	...	30 00
"	25	Royal Oak	108	30 00	..	..	30 00
"	26	Constellation	85	..	...	6 25	6 25
Mar.	1	Western City	93	..	3 00	...	3 00
"	5	Aylmer	94	..	18 50	10 50	29 00
"	6	Orion	109	30 00	..	..	30 00
"	8	Lindsay	100	..	12 75	...	12 75
"	10	Forest City	38	..	3 25	..	3 25
"	10	Nith	96	..	2 00	..	2 00
"	17	Eastern Star	72	...	1 50	..	1 50
"	17	Chatham	29	..	6 00	..	6 00
"	18	Maple Leaf	57	..	..	15 25	15 25
"	26	Canada	49	..	3 45	..	3 45
April	1	Peterborough	111	30 00	..	...	30 00
"	4	Bothwell	74	..	..	12 25	12 25
"	4	Milton	92	...	2 00	..	2 00
"	4	Golden Star	101	..	..	9 25	9 25
"	15	Lucknow	112	30 00	..	..	30 00
"	17	Waterloo	107	...	28 00	..	28 00
"	21	Otter	50	..	3 00	...	3 00
"	22	Olive Branch	88	..	3 00	..	3 00
"	24	Queen City of Ontario	56	..	9 75	..	9 75
"	26	Laurel	110	30 00	..	..	30 00
May	10	Belleville	81	..	5 00	...	5 00
"	17	Trenton	113	30 00	..	..	30 00
"	17	Lucknow	112	..	31 60	..	31 60
"	27	Western City	93	..	2 00	...	2 00
"	30	The Toronto	71	..	3 00	..	3 00
June	7	Gananoque	114	30 00	..	..	30 00
"	14	Avon	41	...	8 00	..	8 00
"	16	Harmony	115	30 00	...	..	30 00
"	19	Excelsior	44	...	3 15	..	3 15

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Date.		LODGE.	Number.	Charter Fee.	Supplies.	Cap. Tax.	Total.
1873							
June	20	Fidelity	55	..	6 00	..	6 00
"	20	Naomi	116	30 00	...	..	30 00
"	27	Durham	78	..	6 00	.	6 00
"	28	Valley City	117	30 00	..	...	30 00
"	30	Minto	98	..	4 50	..	4 50
July	1	Lindsay	100	...	2 75	..	2 75
"	3	Niagara Falls	53	..	..	19 25	19 25
"	4	Grand River	91	...	..	17 50	17 50
"	4	Fidelity	55	...	5 00	20 00	25 00
"	4	Wardsville	60	..	5 00	...	5 00
"	4	Avon	41	...	9 25	..	9 25
"	4	Howard	58	..	..	31 25	31 25
"	4	Harmony	115	..	28 40	2 50	30 90
"	4	Ivy	90	..	6 00	..	6 00
"	4	Constellation	85	...	4 40	6 75	11 15
"	5	Erie	33	..	2 25	15 50	17 75
"	7	Gore	34	...	10 28	26 25	36 53
"	9	Dosoronto	102	..	2 00	..	2 00
"	9	Kingston	59	...	11 95	26 50	38 45
"	9	Huron	62	..	5 10	25 25	30 35
"	9	Lucknow	112	..	..	5 25	5 25
"	9	Fergus	73	..	2 50	15 75	18 25
"	9	Minto	98	..	..	9 50	9 50
"	9	Warriner	75	..	7 40	19 75	27 15
"	9	Bissell	51	..	...	21 00	21 00
"	9	Orion	109	..	29 65	9 00	38 65
"	11	Western City	93	..	..	16 75	16 75
"	11	Chatham	29	..	5 00	41 00	46 00
"	11	Rond Eau	40	..	..	12 50	12 50
"	11	St Thomas	76	..	3 50	24 00	27 50
"	11	Lucan	70	...	..	12 75	12 75
"	12	Trenton	113	..	...	1 75	1 75
"	12	Belleville	81	..	..	22 25	22 25
"	12	Peabody	99	..	..	7 00	7 00
"	12	Hope	69	..	6 00	6 00	12 00
"	12	Brock	9	..	2 75	29 75	32 50
"	12	Empire	87	..	..	17 25	17 25
"	12	Florence Nightingale	66	..	..	23 75	23 75
"	12	Samaritan	35	...	...	41 25	41 25
"	12	Avon	41	...	..	44 75	44 75
"	12	Reliance	89	...	5 00	19 00	24 00
"	12	Grand Union	97	..	5 00	9 50	14 50
"	12	Waterloo	107	...	..	7 25	7 25
"	14	Dosoronto	102	..	..	5 25	5 25
"	14	Manilla	105	...	24 80	8 25	33 05
"	14	Lindsay	100	..	.	17 25	17 25
"	14	Shannonville	118	30 00	..	..	30 00
"	14	Milton	92	..	2 75	11 50	14 25
"	14	Oxford	77	..	..	18 50	18 50
"	14	Cataract	103	..	..	5 75	5 75
"	14	St. Marys	36	..	14 08	21 25	35 33
"	14	Covenant	52	..	7 25	..	7 25
"	14	Union	16	..	3 50	50 75	54 25
"	14	Nith	96	..	26 40	8 00	34 40
"	14	Mount Zion	46	..	4 30	7 25	11 55
"	14	Amity	80	..	..	15 25	15 25
"	14	Frontier	45	..	5 00	36 75	41 75

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Date.	LODGE.	Number.	Charter Fee.	Supplies.	Cap. Tax.	Total.
1873						
July 14	Beaver	82	...	5 00	8 00	13 00
" 15	St. Clair	106	..	24 90	...	24 90
" 15	Otter	50	...	...	22 50	22 50
" 15	Friendship	65	...	8 00	30 25	8 25
" 15	St. Clair	106	..	..	9 75	9 75
" 16	Aylmer	94	..	5 50	14 50	20 00
" 16	Royal Oak	108	..	...	5 25	5 25
" 16	Oxford	77	..	...	1 50	1 50
" 16	Corinthian	61	..	8 25	29 00	37 25
" 17	Eastern Star	72	..	..	21 75	21 75
" 17	Durham	78	...	5 66	13 75	19 41
" 18	Fergus	73	...	..	25	25
" 18	Avon	41	..	7 00	..	7 00
" 18	Peterborough	111	..	..	5 00	5 00
" 19	Eureka	30	..	2 50	67 50	70 00
" 19	Forest City	38	..	2 50	72 50	75 00
" 19	Dominion	48	..	9 75	40 00	49 75
" 19	Ivy	90	..	..	14 75	14 75
" 19	Port Stanley	95	..	34 20	5 75	39 95
" 19	Amity	80	..	..	2 50	2 50
" 19	Napanee	86	...	6 75	14 50	21 50
" 19	Exeter	67	...	2 85	7 50	10 35
" 19	Olive Branch	88	..	5 00	15 00	20 00
" 21	Crescent	104	..	..	12 75	12 75
" 21	Unity	47	..	15 40	45 75	61 15
" 21	Victoria	64	..	..	20 25	20 25
" 21	Excelsior	44	...	...	46 50	46 50
" 21	North Star	68	..	3 00	...	3 00
" 21	Dosoronto	102	..	..	..	75
" 23	Empire	87	..	2 00	..	2 00
" 23	Maple Leaf	57	...	..	10 00	10 00
" 25	North Star	68	...	..	7 00	7 00
" 25	Canada	49	..	5 00	50 75	55 75
" 25	Covenant	52	...	...	59 75	59 75
" 25	Queen City of Ontario	56	..	.	45 00	45 00
" 25	The Toronto	71	..	3 25	25 50	28 75
" 25	Laurel	110	..	15 63	7 75	23 38
" 25	Clinton	88	..	3 00	10 25	13 25
" 29	The Toronto	71	..	6 75	..	6 75
" 29	Bothwell	74	...	5 00	14 00	19 00
" 29	Wardsville	60	..	...	11 25	11 25
" 30	Nipissing	79	..	35 63	12 50	48 13
" 30	Otter	50	..	2 50	..	2 50
" 31	Excelsior	44	...	5 00	..	5 00
" 31	Crescent	104	...	28 68	..	28 68
" 31	Maple Leaf	57	...	9 50	3 75	13 25
" 31	Victoria	64	..	3 52	...	3 52
" 31	Collingwood	54	..	..	15 25	15 25
" 31	Peterborough	111	..	35 20	...	35 20
" 31	Chatham	29	...	5 00	..	5 00
			690 00	1226 23	3115 42	8814 72

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LODGE.	Number.	Initiated.	Admitted by Card.	Reinstated.	Withdrawn by Card.	Expelled.	Deceased.	Suspended.	Contributing Members.	Total Membership.	Brothers Relieved.	Widows Relieved.
Brock	9	25	..	..	2	...	2	..	109	119	2	7
Union	16	25	1	..	4	...	1	2	201	203	7	2
Chatham	29	32	1	4	9	..	3	6	117	170	8	2
Eureka	30	35	..	...	4	...	3	9	251	279	25	11
Erie	33	11	..	..	..	1	2	6	48	69	8	..
Gore	34	19	2	..	15	..	2	..	87	105	12	4
Samaritan	35	46	1	2	8	...	1	1	163	166	20	2
St. Marys	36	11	1	..	6	..	1	..	87	98	6	..
Forest City	38	41	2	...	2	3	3	13	273	303	..	5
Rond Eau	40	40	10	..	..	..	...	..	50	50	1	...
Avon	41	42	5	2	28	..	..	6	161	185	13	1
Excelsior	44	35	5	3	5	..	1	..	168	186	21	1
Frontier	45	21	3	2	1	1	1	..	133	147	19	5
Mt. Zion	46	2	..	...	..	..	1	..	15	29	1	..
Unity	47	56	2	...	17	..	1	12	161	195	21	..
Dominion	48	31	6	1	5	1	...	6	135	166	25	..
Canada	49	28	2	..	13	1	2	35	204	239	31	4
Otter	50	24	2	..	1	..	1	..	71	90	...	2
Bissell	51	20	1	...	5	1	..	..	60	84	8	..
Covenant	52	66	5	..	35	1	1	13	190	252	28	1
Niagara Falls	53	22	1	..	12	...	..	..	75	78	13	..
Collingwood	54	13	..	...	1	..	1	5	61	66	...	20
Fidelity	55	13	..	..	4	..	..	2	62	82	7	..
Queen C. of Ont.	56	54	..	..	7	..	2	...	153	179	1	..
Maple Leaf	57	7	..	...	2	..	..	9	40	64	1	1
Howard	58	38	1	1	12	...	...	4	116	130	8	..
Kingston	59	49	3	...	8	..	1	5	101	106	3	...
Wardsville	60	9	1	...	3	..	1	...	40	45	5	..
Corinthian	61	19	1	3	6	...	1	2	97	110	17	..
Huron	62	17	..	1	4	..	1	7	91	101	10	..
Barrie	63	..	...	..	..	..	..	..	...	..	..	..
Victoria	64	29	..	..	1	..	1	..	55	81	...	1
Friendship	65	47	1	1	10	...	1	8	90	129	7	...
Flo. Nightingale	66	19	1	...	7	...	..	.	95	95	3	..
Exeter	67	9	..	..	5	..	1	1	18	32	..	..
North Star	68	3	..	..	1	...	..	..	28	28	2	..
Hope	69	5	..	..	..	...	...	..	22	24	1	..
Lucan	70	8	..	..	1	..	..	1	49	50	3	...
The Toronto	71	24	1	...	9	..	1	13	102	115	2	...
Eastern Star	72	14	1	..	8	1	1	...	57	87	3	..
Fergus	73	26	..	..	6	..	...	3	64	67	7	..
Bothwell	74	14	..	...	1	...	1	..	56	56	2	1
Warriner	75	26	1	..	11	..	..	..	75	79	2	...
St. Thomas	76	40	4	...	3	..	1	..	85	96	4	..
Oxford	77	31	2	..	2	...	2	..	74	80	1	...
Durham	78	23	...	..	10	1	..	1	54	56	..	..
Nipissing	79	18	1	..	5	..	..	..	33	51	2	..

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LODGE.	Number.	Orphans in charge of Lodge.	Bros. Receiving Special Relief.	Paid for Special Relief.	Paid for Sick Benefits.	Paid for Relief of Widows.	Paid for Educating Orphans.	Paid for Burying the Dead.	Total Relief.
Brock	9	..	..	45 00	92 50	356 50	.....	75 00	569 00
Union	16	..	2	73 00	566 00	55 00	.....	101 00	795 00
Chatham	29	2	..	.....	336 00	30 00	30 00	70 00	466 00
Eureka	30	...	..	575 00	416 50	214 00	.....	140 00	1345 50
Erie	33	...	1	.....	279 84	.....	.....	63 50	343 34
Gore	34	10	..	.....	105 50	48 00	88 50	30 00	272 00
Samaritan	35	..	..	.....	214 00	40 00	.....	30 00	284 00
St. Marys	36	...	1	3 50	85 00	.....	.....	75 00	163 50
Forest City	38	...	..	68 00	759 50	230 00	.....	105 00	1162 60
Rond Eau	40	.	..	.....	3 00	.....	.....	.....	3 00
Avon	41	...	..	.....	111 17	.....	.....	.....	111 17
Excelsior	44	...	2	90 00	137 00	40 00	.....	50 00	227 00
Frontier	45	...	2	30 00	189 00	218 34	.....	30 00	467 34
Mt. Zion	46	..	...	.....	15 00	.....	.....	30 00	45 00
Unity	47	..	3	39 50	148 00	.....	.....	25 00	212 50
Dominion	48	..	1	46 00	252 50	.....	.....	45 00	343 50
Canada	49	..	3	45 00	326 00	49 00	.....	100 00	520 00
Otter	50	..	..	.....	83 00	70 00	.....	30 00	183 00
Bissell	51	...	...	.....	97 00	.....	.....	.....	97 00
Covenant	52	..	4	67 80	246 00	40 00	.....	.....	354 80
Niagara Falls	53	..	..	.....	122 00	.....	.....	.....	122 00
Collingwood	54	...	2	.....	.....	75 00	.....	.....	75 00
Fidelity	55	...	1	3 00	82 00	.....	.....	.....	85 00
Queen City of Ont.	56	..	2	27 00	13 00	7 00	.....	44 00	91 00
Maple Leaf	57		..	.....	12 00	25 00	.....	32 00	69 00
Howard	58	..	..	.....	204 50	.....	.....	30 00	234 50
Kingston	59	...	..	.....	32 00	.....	.....	15 00	47 00
Wardsville	60	..	...	.....	55 50	.....	.....	.....	55 50
Corinthian	61	..	...	.....	140 00	.....	.....	20 00	160 00
Huron	62	..	..	.....	154 00	.....	.....	.....	154 00
Barrie	63	...	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Victoria	64	..	..	2 00	24 00	.....	.....	50 00	76 00
Friendship	65	...	..	.....	67 41	.....	.....	11 00	78 41
Flor. Nightingale	66	..	...	.....	21 00	.....	.....	.....	21 00
Exeter	67	..	...	.....	30 00	.....	.....	65 00	95 50
North Star	68	..	..	.....	12 00	.....	.....	.....	12 00
Hope	69	..	...	.....	15 00	.....	.....	15 00	30 00
Lucan	70	..	..	.....	32 00	.....	.....	12 50	44 50
The Toronto	71	..	..	5 00	21 00	.....	.....	.....	26 00
Eastern Star	72	...	2	40 00	25 00	.....	.....	30 00	95 00
Fergus	73	..	..	.....	51 00	.....	.....	.....	51 00
Bothwell	74	2	..	.....	69 00	.....	.....	20 00	89 00
Warriner	75	..	..	.....	26 00	.....	.....	.....	26 00
St. Thomas	76	..	1	4 00	19 50	.....	.....	46 00	69 50
Oxford	77	..	..	.....	132 75	.....	.....	60 00	192 72
Durham	78	..	...	.....	9 00	.....	.....	.....	9 00
Nipissing	79	2	..	.....	24 00	.....	.....	.....	24 00

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LODGE.	Number.	Rejected.	Degrees Conferred.	W. & O. Fund.	General Fund.	Annual Receipts.	Per Capita Tax.	Date of Institution.
Brock	9	7	140	3608 63	69 70	776 85	57 75	5 Mar., 1852.
Union	16	4	86	36 10	11621 00	1460 50	99 25	16 " "
Chatham	29	7	278	1000 00	1753 55	1711 20	78 50	13 Jan., 1854
Eureka	30	4	84	715 00	3919 95	1907 70	133 75	2 Feb., "
Erie	33	..	69	75 44	761 33	399 21	30 75	5 Oct., "
Gore	34	..	..	152 51	1892 09	968 37	53 00	25 Dec., "
Samaritan	35	12	167	767 97	2644 25	1405 82	75 75	13 Jan., 1856
St. Marys	36	7	77	833 60	2401 00	725 14	47 25	6 Nov., "
Forest City	38	5	105	427 44	4642 74	2112 78	141 7[illegible]	9 Feb., 1857
Rond Eau	40	4	94	221 25	413 41	633 17	22 50	Res. July 18,'72
Avon	41	1	50	161 96	4046 07	1722 60	86 75	9 Jan., 1861
Excelsior	44	4	242	717 38	2245 59	1215 96	86 75	9 Jan., 1863
Frontier	45	3	67	337 72	803 47	1230 00	69 75	27 Jan., 1864
Mt. Zion	46	2	90	1600 00	450 00	100 75	14 25	18 Jan., 1866
Unity	47	4	82	4380 00	2061 28	2845 21	90 00	3 April, 1867
Dominion	48	2	130	1100 28	1711 41	1148 38	77 50	18 Sep., "
Canada	49	4	118	2113 57	1750 19	1402 34	109 25	14 Jan., 1868
Otter	50	3	88	587 00	1212 93	749 14	43 25	16 Mar., "
Bissell	51	1	21	1092 23	857 53	388 89	39 50	15 Oct., "
Covenant	52	4	107	1061 34	2598 85	2095 94	121 00	22 Oct., "
Niagara Falls	53	...	...	2100 00	785 87	657 40	37 00	20 April, 1869
Collingwood	54	.	20	114 58	121 33	361 55	31 75	7 Oct., "
Fidelity	55	2	81	239 49	823 44	574 55	39 00	8 Mar., 1870
Queen City of Ont.	56	4	91	386 00	1448 91	1190 38	82 25	10 " "
Maple Leaf	57	..	24	147 90	83 10	337 75	29 25	24 " "
Howard	58	11	145	353 97	969 37	1215 22	58 75	17 " "
Kingston	59	9	140	155 00	566 93	1049 75	44 00	14 April "
Wardsville	60	1	16	99 93	235 21	297 82	21 25	26 " "
Corinthian	61	8	79	348 88	606 36	853 62	51 75	5 May, "
Huron	62	2	62	285 37	720 77	773 64	48 50	31 " "
Barrie	63	..	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	31 July, "
Victoria	64	2	78	110 70	568 24	732 20	35 50	22 Aug., "
Friendship	65	5	220	179 62	867 44	1335 07	59 50	13 Jan., 1871
Flor. Nightingale	66	5	104	256 00	1412 03	793 32	45 00	25 " "
Exeter	67	..	36	110 00	133 60	289 25	16 25	27 " "
North Star	68	..	14	.....	49 22	162 50	13 50	3 Mar., "
Hope	69	..	18	49 11	115 67	177 90	11 50	23 " "
Lucan	70	2	62	98 14	367 14	384 25	23 75	30 " "
The Toronto	71	1	91	.....	.....	976 82	55 75	8 May, "
Eastern Star	72	5	59	262 15	513 02	628 70	43 50	11 " "
Fergus	73	2	45	108 88	469 52	549 02	30 00	31 " "
Bothwell	74	..	27	57 70	147 10	360 93	26 25	23 June "
Warriner	75	3	55	128 17	554 02	754 13	38 25	27 " "
St. Thomas	76	..	57	92 98	157 97	706 31	35 75	14 July, "
Oxford	77	...	28	120 62	288 52	889 83	43 75	27 " "
Durham	78	8	107	115 21	1068 71	707 00	27 50	18 Aug., "
Nipissing	79	8	86	45 00	434 83	670 54	25 25	16 Oct. "

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LODGE.	Number.	Initiated.	Admitted by Card.	Reinstated.	Withdrawn by Card.	Expelled.	Deceased.	Suspended.	Contributing Members.	Total Membership.	Brothers Relieved.	Widows Relieved.
Amity	80	18	..	..	2	...	..	..	64	71	1	..
Belleville	81	30	3	...	7	..	..	..	67	89	..	..
Beaver	82	5	1	...	..	..	..	..	25	32	..	.
Clinton	83	10	2	..	1	...	1	..	20	41	5	..
Walkerton	84	22	..	...	1	.	..	2	43	46	3	..
Constellation	85	12	...	...	2	..	...	1	27	28	1	..
Napanee	86	35	1	..	7	..	1	..	52	58	2	..
Empire	87	31	..	...	..	..	..	..	69	69	..	.
Olive Branch	88	27	..	..	2	1	..	..	60	60	1	..
Reliance	89	38	3	...	3	..	1	..	65	76	1	1
Ivy	90	36	3	...	6	..	..	...	54	59	2	...
Grand River	91	33	1	..	2	..	..	..	68	68	5	.
Milton	92	33	2	..	2	..	..	..	46	46	2	..
Western City	93	43	1	...	1	..	..	...	54	67	3	..
Aylmer	94	46	..	..	..	..	..	..	54	58	..	...
Port Stanley	95	19	5	..	..	..	1	..	23	23	..	...
Nith	96	31	11	..	1	...	..	..	32	32	..	..
Grand Union	97	25	5	..	1	..	...	.	38	38	..	..
Minto	98	14	1	..	2	1	..	...	34	38	2	..
Peabody	99	19	10	..	...	1	..	..	28	28	..	..
Lindsay	100	2	8	..	8	2	..	..	49	69	...	...
Golden Star	101	3	12	..	...	...	..	..	56	56	..	..
Dosoronto	102	10	5	...	5	..	..	..	21	24	..	..
Cataract	103	..	6	...	..	..	..	..	23	23	..	..
Crescent	104	22	14	...	...	..	..	..	51	51	.	...
Manilla	105	31	6	...	..	..	..	...	33	33	..	..
St. Clair	106	36	5	...	1	...	..	..	37	39	..	..
Waterloo	107	19	6	..	..	..	...	..	29	29	..	..
Royal Oak	108	71	6	..	..	..	..	...	21	21	..	..
Orion	109	44	8	...	3	..	..	..	35	36	..	...
Laurel	110	24	6	..	..	..	..	..	31	31	...	..
Peterborough	111	17	6	..	..	..	..	..	20	20	...	..
Lucknow	112	37	6	...	4	..	..	..	21	21	...	..
Trenton	113	27	5	...	..	..	...	..	7	7	..	..
Gananoque	114	35	7	..	..	...	...	..	10	10	..	...
Harmony	115	23	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	10	..	...
Naomi	116	15	..	...	.	..	..	..	..	...	...	...
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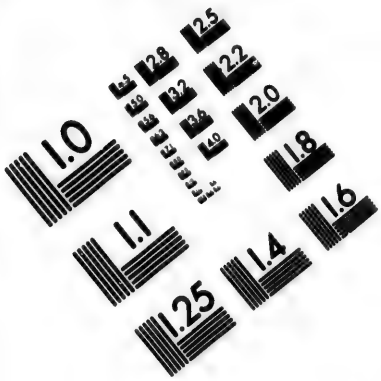

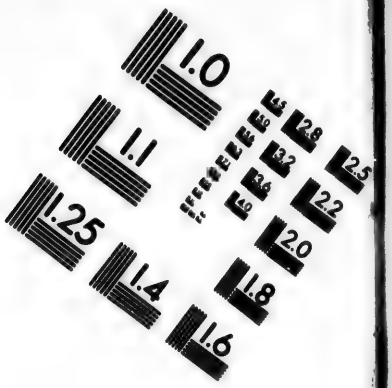

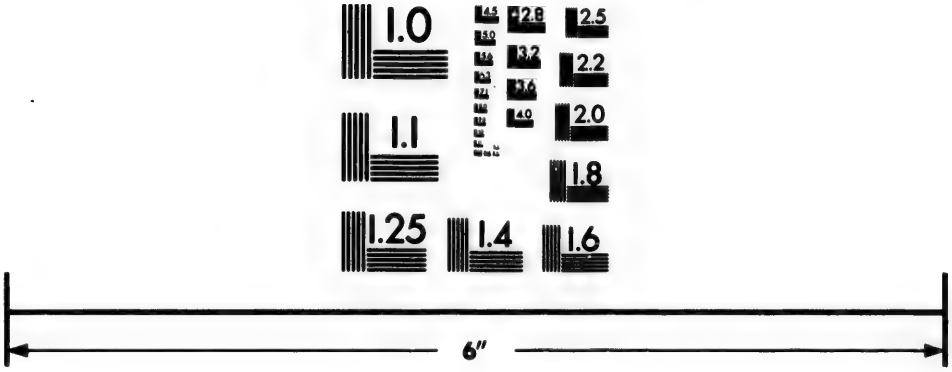

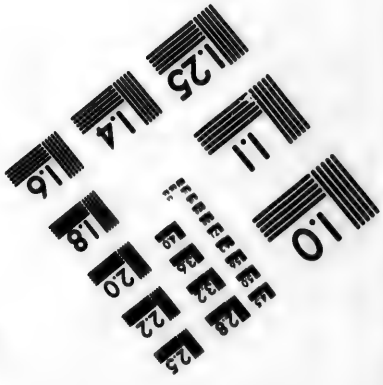

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LODGE.	Number.	Orphans in Charge of Lodge.	Bros. Receiving Special Relief.	Paid for Special Relief.	Paid for Sick Benefits.	Paid for Relief of Widows.	Paid for Educating Orphans.	Paid for Burying the Dead.	Total Relief.
Amity	80	..	..	.....	9 00	.....	....	.....	9 00
Belleville	81	...	..	....	.....	....	.....	....	.....
Beaver	82	...	..	....	....	....	.....	....	.... ..
Clinton	83	..	1	37 00	67 00	....	.....	25 00	129 00
Walkerton	84	...	..	....	...	....	....	.....	.....
Constellation	85	...	..	....	12 00	....	.....	15 00	27 00
Napanee	86	..	..	.....	62 50	.....	....	15 00	77 50
Empire	87	..	...	16 25	26 00	....	....	.....	42 25
Olive Branch	88	...	..	....	6 00	.....	. ...	.....	6 00
Reliance	89	..	..	....	15 00	15 00	.....	60 00	90 00
Ivy	90	..	2	11 00	18 00	.....	....	16 00	45 00
Grand River	91	...	..	.. .	25 00	....	....	.. ..	25 00
Milton	92	..	...	....	8 00	....	.....	....	8 00
Western City	93	..	1	31 25	122 00	.....	.....	15 00	168 25
Aylmer	94	..	..	.....	....	.....	....	....	..... .
Port Stanley	95	...	..	....	.....	....	....	....	.....
Nith	96	...	...	.....	.....	.....	....	....	.....
Grand Union	97	..	..	....	....	....	.....	20 00	20 00
Minto	98	..	...	....	12 00	....	....	15 00	27 00
Peabody	99	..	1	3 00	.....	.....	....	.....	3 00
Lindsay	100	..	...	....	....	....	....	....	.....
Golden Star	101	..	...	....	3 00	....	.....	....	3 00
Dosoronto	102	..	..	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....
Cataract	103	..	...	....	..	....	....	....	.....
Crescent	104	..	..	.....	11 00	.....	.....	....	11 00
Manilla	105	..	...	....	....	....	....	....	.....
St. Clair	106	..	...	.....	.. .	.....	....	....	.....
Waterloo	107	..	...	....	....	....	....	.....	.....
Royal Oak	108	..	..	.....	....	....	.....	.....	.....
Orion	109	..	...	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....
Laurel	110	..	..	....	....	....	.....	.. .	....
Peterborough	111	..	..	.. .	....	..—	....	.....	.....
Lucknow	112	..	..	....	.....	.....	.. ..	.....	.....
Trenton	113	..	..	....	....	....	.....	.....	... .
Gananoque	114	..	..	....	....	....	.....	....	.....
Harmony	115	...	...	.....	....	....	.....	.....	.....
Naomi	116	..	..	.....	....	.....	.....	.. .	.....
		16	33	126 30	6293 64	1512 84	118 50	163 50	10322 78

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LODGE.	Number.	Rejected.	Degrees Conferred.	W. & O. Fund.	General Fund.	Annual Receipts.	Per Capita Tax.	Date of Institution.
Amity	80	8	115	.....	100 00	441 75	33 50	12 Oct., 1871
Belleville	81	3	42	80 70	1408 00	781 00	39 50	13 Dec., "
Beaver	82	5	73	28 79	471 45	175 75	14 75	12 Jan., 1872
Clinton	83	8	62	56 47	119 98	326 94	20 00	16 " "
Walkerton	84	2	43	24 16	72 73	365 80	20 00	17 " "
Constellation	85	..	105	22 50	216 50	248 37	13 00	22 " "
Napanee	86	7	151	23 00	139 13	561 76	25 75	8 Feb., 1872
Empire	87	3	71	63 15	658 50	683 40	30 25	13 Mar., "
Olive Branch	88	5	60	53 00	312 01	555 01	26 50	14 Mar., "
Reliance	89	9	121	73 44	671 71	937 35	33 25	15 " "
Ivy	90	4	154	49 02	318 85	742 43	27 00	24 April, "
Grand River	91	2	123	70 95	612 25	711 99	30 50	31 May, "
Milton	92	5	49	34 57	83 01	479 00	17 25	11 June, "
Western City	93	7	84	55 84	177 01	731 93	29 00	13 "
Aylmer	94	7	127	26 20	350 00	615 73	25 00	14 "
Port Stanley	95	..	37	25 12	25 67	357 78	11 00	18 July,
Nith	96	4	97	27 25	177 43	309 25	13 50	30 July, "
Grand Union	97	10	69	26 98	94 24	454 50	16 25	2 Aug., "
Minto	98	4	110	31 10	191 87	633 50	16 25	3 " "
Peabody	99	2	43	21 06	8 19	310 30	12 75	11 Sept., "
Lindsay	100	5	217	39 20	89 43	1121 51	30 50	24 " "
Golden Star	101	6	109	102 00	238 00	747 15	23 25	10 Oct., "
Dosoronto	102	3	54	9 94	87 54	284 73	10 25	15 Nov., "
Cataract	103	3	46	13 39	52 87	252 00	10 00	5 Dec., "
Crescent	104	..	69	26 40	294 10	571 05	12 75	31 Jan., 1873
Manilla	105	2	88	13 71	450 05	445 05	8 25	26 Feb., "
St. Clair	106	3	49	7 60	237 12	472 50	9 75	27 " "
Waterloo	107	5	39	10 09	31 69	303 44	7 25	10 Mar., "
Royal Oak	108	1	32	5 95	21 58	232 35	5 25	18 " "
Orion	109	9	75	15 96	129 76	488 00	9 00	20 " "
Laurel	110	3	66	5 83	25 04	336 63	7 75	5 May, "
Peterborough	111	2	36	3 40	24 80	171 00	5 00	7 " "
Lucknow	112	..	75	29 32	17 92	202 62	5 25	9 " "
Trenton	113	...	..	.....	24 25	26 00	1 75	11 June, "
Gananoque	114	..	..	.....	.....	.....	2 50	16 " "
Harmony	115	..	..	.....	.....	.....	2 50	26 " "
Naomi	116	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 July "
		291	6579	26971 01	68296 30	58615 37	3115 42	

RECAPITULATION.

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Number of Lodges	86		
" Initiated		2108	
" Admitted by Card		223	
" Reinstated		20	
			2351
Withdrawn by Card		355	
" Ceased Membership, N. P. D.		239	
" Expelled		16	
" Deaths		46	
			656
Net Increase,			1695
" Of membership, per last report		5079	
" Present actual membership		6774	
" Of members in arrears, suspended and not suspended		890	
" Contributing, or members in good standing		5884	
" Past Grands in good standing		435	
" Rejected		291	
" Degrees Conferred		6579	

RELIEF.

Number of Brothers, to whom sick benefits were paid		394
" " Widowed families, to whom benefits were paid		71
Amount paid for Sick Benefits	$6293 64	
" " " Widows' "	1512 84	
" " " Educating Orphans	118 50	
" " " Burying the Dead	1631 50	
" " " Special Relief	1266 30	
Total Relief	$10822 78	

ASSETS OF THE R. W. GRAND LODGE.

JULY 31ST, 1873.

1 Degree Lodge Installation Book		$ 0 75	
8 Charge Books	@ $2 50	20 00	
159 Visiting Cards,	0 25	39 75	
138 Withdrawal Cards,	0 25	34 50	
7 Dismissal Certificates,	0 25	1 75	
9 Digest Laws G. L. U. S.,	2 50	22 50	
4 Interleaves, (sets)	0 25	1 00	
37 Odes,	0 06	2 22	
21 Visitors' Registers,	2 50	52 50	
10 Members "	4 00	40 00	
16 Question Books,	1 75	17 50	
12 Receipt "	1 75	21 00	
24 Black "	1 75	42 00	
30 Order "	1 75	52 50	
1112 Orders for Supplies,		13 75	
225 Propositions for Membership		3 37	
975 Reports thereon		14 62	
480 Treasurer's Bonds, 50c. per doz		20 00	
248 P. G. and Rep. Certificates		4 00	
Stationery		20 00	
Postage Stamps		24 00	
Total			$447 71
Cash in Grand Treasurer's hands			$ 3854 33
" Due by Subordinate Lodges			325 50
" Loaned to the Grand Encampment			200 00
			4827 54
Less amount overpaid by Lodges			20 68
Actual Assets			$4806 86

AMOUNTS DUE BY SUBORDINATE LODGES.

JULY 31ST, 1873.

Erie Lodge,	No. 33	$0 17
Avon "	" 41	6 00
Otter "	" 50	7 47
Bissell "	" 51	8 87
Collingwood	" 54	5 00
Howard	" 58	9 50
Corinthian	" 61	2 75
Huron	" 62	3 00
Barrie	" 63	1 91
Florence Nightingale	" 66	2 50
Eastern Star	" 72	6 50
Fergus	" 73	2 25
Amity	" 80	9 50
Belleville	" 81	10 00
Walkerton	" 84	5 00
Napanee	" 86	2 50
Grand River	" 91	2 00
Milton	" 92	25
Aylmer	" 94	16 36
Cataract	" 103	3 00
St. Clair	" 106	5 00
Waterloo	" 107	2 35
Royal Oak	" 108	31 65
Laurel	" 110	5 07
Trenton	" 113	35 20
Gananoque	" 114	37 70
Naomi	" 116	35 70
Valley City	" 117	35 70
Shannonville	" 118	33 20
Total,		$325 50

AMOUNT OVERPAID BY LODGES, July 31st, 1873.

Brock Lodge	No. 9	$0 25
St Marys	" 36	0 50
Dominion	" 48	3 00
Covenant	" 52	3 00
Queen City of Ontario	" 56	0 25
Exeter	" 67	0 06
Hope	" 69	1 00
The Toronto	" 71	3 25
Oxford	" 77	1 50
Durham	" 78	0 25
Empire	" 87	0 17
Aylmer	" 94	3 00
Peabody	" 99	3 00
Lindsay	" 100	0 35
Dosoronto	" 102	1 08
Total		$20 68

The R. W. Grand Treasurer then submitted his Annual Report as follows, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

The undersigned would respectfully submit the following Report of the Receipts and Disbursements of this Grand Lodge during the past year:

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1872. Aug. 1.	To Balance on hand	$3783 07
1873. July 31.	To amount received from Grand Secretary to date	5031 65
		$8814 72

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1872. Aug. 1.	By paid for stationery	$	1 45
"	" C. E. Stewart, for printing G. S. Report		28 00
"	" Mileage and Per Diem of Committee		46 24
"	" " " "		50 80
"	" American Express Co., carriage		8 00
"	" Matthew Hart, Janitor		6 00
"	" John Gibson, G. M., expenses		374 65
" 10	" G. Officers and Reps, mileage and per diem,		2318 40
" 23	" G. L. U. S., for supplies		198 46
Sept. 14	" Eastern Star Lodge, account, overpaid		9 33
" 23	" E. A. Percy, printing supplies		40 00
Oct. 1	" A. D. Clement, P. M., for postage		24 11
" 1	" E. Cameron, telegraph account		3 76
" 14	" E. A. Percy, on account of printing supplies,		10 00
Nov. 22	" J. B. King, incidentals		15 40
" 22	" E. A. Percy, balance of printing account		105 83
" 30	" C. E. Stewart & Co., printing journals, &c.		170 22
Dec. 5	" J. Sutherland, paper and binding		141 91
1873. Jan. 2	" Rond Eau Lodge, balance due them		53 35
" 2	" A. D. Clement, P. M., postage account to date		28 79
" 11	" Reps of Chatham Lodge No. 29		16 32
Feb. 13	" J. B. King, on account of salary as G. S.		150 00
April 1	" G. L. U. S., supplies and Rep. Tax		549 31
" 1	" A. D. Clement, P. M., postage to date		48 39
May 31	" John Murray, G. M., on account of expenses		50 00
July 1	" A. D. Clement, P. M., postage to date		35 28
" 1	" C. E. Stewart, printing supplies		76 09
" 31	" J. B. King, balance of salary		250 00
" 31	" J. B. King, incidentals, per accounts		95 44
" 31	" J. Sutherland, binding, &c.		54 76
	Total		$4960 39
" 31	By balance of cash on hand		3854 33
			$8814 72

Fraternally submitted,

A. D. CLEMENT,
Grand Treasurer.

Grand Reprepresentative James Woodyatt then read the Annual Report of the Representatives to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, which was, on motion, referred to the Committee on Distribution.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES' REPORT.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

As required by the Constitution, your Representatives have the honor to submit the following synopsis of the proceedings of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States at its Session of 1872.

The Grand Lodge met in the City of Baltimore, Maryland, on Monday, the 16th day of September, and closed on Saturday, the 21st, having held two or three meetings each day.

The Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Maryland, with deputations from the Subordinate Lodges and Encampments of the city and vicinity, in procession escorted the Grand Lodge of the U. S. to the Grand Lodge Room, when the W. M. Grand Master, Bro. Wm. R. Cressy, in an eloquent address, welcomed the members to the birthplace of American Odd Fellowship.

All the Grand Officers, Representatives from every Jurisdiction, two Past Grand Sires, Bro. Hugo Wollheim, Special Deputy Grand Sire for Germany, and a large number of visitors, were present. All manifested a deep interest in the work and progress of the Order.

The Annual Reports of the Grand Officers give a very full and gratifying statement of the condition of the Order in all parts of the world where the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge prevails.

The Grand Sire, during the year, made the following decisions, viz. :

1. In a case where a state law provides that when a vote shall have been taken on all the forms of punishment without result in favor of either, the Noble Grand shall commence again with the highest order of punishment, and if need be, go through again, and so continue until some order of punishment be affixed. I have ruled that such law, being in conflict with the law of the Grand Lodge of the United States, which expressly provides otherwise, is of no force or effect, and that a vote of the Lodge refusing to affix a penalty of expulsion is final, subject only to appeal.

2. The Grand Lodge of the United States has not said how many black balls shall reject a candidate, except so far as applies to Subordinate Lodges under its immediate jurisdiction—that says, three black balls rejects, &c, Digest secs. 127, 138.

3. There is no law compelling a lodge to give a brother his degrees, no matter how good he may stand on the books of the Lodge ; he must go through the ballot-box, be balloted for, and it is for the voters to decide whether he shall advance or not, and no one under our present system can question their right to reject or refuse to confer the degrees on any brother.

4. When an application is made for membership, it becomes at once the property of the Lodge. As to withdrawing said application, the word *may* is made use of (Digest. sec. 1130) to show that the Lodge has control over the matter, and having control, *may* refuse to allow the application to be withdrawn. The parties who present the application *may*, and indeed are, the proper persons to ask for a withdrawal of an application for membership. They make their wish known to the lodge officially, before the report of the Committee is presented, and the permission to withdraw the application is granted by a vote of the lodge : of course any one can object, but if a majority say the application *may* be withdrawn, that ends it.

5. The laws of the order contemplate the payment of benefits to all members in good standing. (Digest, secs. 152, 154;) but said laws also leave it with State authorities, or, if *they* do not act, with Subordinates, to prescribe when the benefits are to be given. For instance, a State Grand Body may say that no brother shall be entitled to receive benefits until he shall have attained the Scarlet Degree: and it may say also, that card members shall not be entitled to benefits until they shall have been members for six months or more after depositing; or a State Grand Body may enact a law to the effect that card members shall be entitled to benefits at once, and that initiates shall be entitled to benefits from the night of initiation.

6. When State Grand Officers grant cards under the general law, the brother recieving the card is entitled to the A. T. P. W., and a Noble Grand must communicate the same to the brother on his presenting a certificate from the Grand Secretary who issued the same, requesting the word to be given.

7. Application should be made to the Grand Lodge of the United States or to the officers of that R. W. Body, for a warrant or dispensation to open a Lodge in the Territory of Utah, or in any State or Territory where there is no Grand Lodge, notwithstanding existing Lodges in said States or Territories may be under the temporary supervision of a neighboring or contiguous jurisdiction, as in the case with Utah.

8. As the law of the Grand Lodge of the United States (Digest, 1336, 1337), says: "That to be in possession of the degree of Rebekah is a necessary qualification for office in all Lodges which have received it," all the officers must be in possession of it. The Warden, Outside Guardian, and other appointed officers of a Subordinate Lodge, are as much officers of the Lodge as the Noble Grand and Vice Grand are, though of a different grade.

9. Any brother of the Order suspended *indefinitely* for cause, no matter when, should, under the existing general law, (Digest, secs. 1782, 1783,) be at once reinstated or restored to membership

10. A Subordinate Lodge does not relinquish its prerogative (an inherent right) to confer the degrees on its own members Either of the five degrees, or the degree of Rebekah, by agreeing that a Degree Lodge shall be instituted. (Digest, 513).

11. No officer, nor of course, member, can enter or retire from an Encampment, when open and working as such, without the proper sign, &c., (addressing the chairs), except the Junior Warden in charge of a candidate. (Secret Journal.)

12. No Subordinate Lodge can reinstate an expelled member of its own motion. The consent of the Grand Lodge to which the Lodge is subordinate, or of the Grand Master, by its authority, is absolutely necessary to authorize the restoration. (Digest, 861.)

13. If there is no local law prescribing what vote is necessary to reinstate an expelled member, with the consent of the Grand Lodge, the same vote which expelled from, ought to be had to restore to membership.

14. It requires ten (10) members to form or make a quorum in a regular Rebekah Degree Lodge. (Digest, clause 509, sec. 4.)

15. On an appeal to me from the decision of the Grand Master of Massachusetts, who, in view of the existence of a clause in the by-laws of Oriental Lodge No. 10, of that jurisdiction, as follows: "If a brother dies within less than seven days after being taken sick, the sick benefit for one week shall be added to the funeral benefit," decided that the

whole intent and purpose of the clause referred to was to meet just such cases—that is, sudden death, and that the one week's benefit should be added to the funeral benefit. I concurred in the opinion of the Grand Master, and so ruled.

The question having arisen in the Grand Lodge of Michigan, whether a certificate granted by a Subordinate Lodge in the jurisdiction of Minnesota, setting forth, under seal of the Lodge, and attest of the officers thereof, that a brother had passed the chairs of said Lodge, and was entitled to the Past Official and Grand Lodge Degrees, could be received and accepted as evidence of his being so entitled, he presenting to the Grand Lodge of Michigan said certificate and a certificate from a Lodge in Michigan—which he joined sometime before by card, properly authenticated, as a Past Grand—stating that he had been elected to represent said Lodge in the Grand Lodge. Being present, I said, I am of the opinion that the certificate presented to the Grand Lodge of Michigan by Brother George Laidley, the duly authenticated representative to the said Grand Lodge from Saginaw Lodge No. 42, setting forth that he (Brother Laidley) is entitled to the Past Official Degrees, said certificate being under the seal of Vermillion Lodge No. 8, belonging to the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, and attested by the officers of said Lodge, *is sufficient evidence under the general law* of the fact that said Brother Laidley has passed the chairs in a Subordinate Lodge, and is entitled to receive the Past Official and Grand Lodge Degrees.

The following inquiries were propounded to me:

1. Can an Encampment, under any circumstances, confer a degree on the same night that the application for the degree is made?

2. Does an appeal from the action of an Encampment suspend all proceedings in reference to the subject under consideration until the decision of the Most Worthy Grand Patriarch or R. W. Grand Encampment is had?

3. If question number 2 is answered in the affirmative, what disposition must be made of the nomination of a candidate for office when the eligibility of the candidate is called in question and the matter is appealed to the Most Worthy Grand Patriarch or the Right Worthy Grand Encampment?

4. What is the duty of a D. D. Grand Patriarch when an Encampment is about to confer a degree in violation of law, or do any other unlawful act, after having been notified by him of the illegality of the proposed action?

5. Can a D. D. Grand Patriarch, who is a member of an Encampment, declare an act of an Encampment void, when his knowledge of such act is obtained by reason of his presence in the Encampment as a member of the same, and when the Encampment has not requested his official opinion?

6. Can a Chief Patriarch, who has declared a pending motion illegal, and whose decision has been reversed on an appeal by the Encampment, refuse to put the motion and vacate the chair?

Also, is it according to Parliamentary usage to make a motion to establish a negative of a proposition and the affirmative of another, or, in other words, to move to reject a proposition and adopt or substitute another?

To which I replied:

1. That the subject is left for local legislation.

2. As a general rule, when an appeal is taken from the action of a Lodge or Encampment, all proceedings in reference to the matter are suspended; but not in the particular case you refer to, (question 3.) The installation must go on. (See proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the United States, pp. 2468 and 2501.)

4. The duties of D. D. Grand Patriarchs or D. D. Grand Masters are, or should be, defined in the local law (or commission,) and they cannot go beyond said law. They are required to report persistent violations to the Grand Master or Grand Patriarch.

5. District Deputies may improperly declare certain acts of Subordinate Lodges and Encampments null and void, but that does not make them so; as before said, they must report all violations. Of course they may, with propriety, point out errors, and call attention to violations of law, but that is all.

6. *No*—see second decision of Grand Sire last session.

Lastly—*No*—such a motion is unparliamentary and unknown in our legislation.

On the 8th of September 1871, in reply to an enquiry from the Grand Master of Missouri, substantially as follows: "What is the status of members of a suspended subordinate from any cause (who at the time of such suspension were in good standing) upon the restoration of its charter and its resumption of work?" I replied that those who applied for and obtained the return of charter and authority to resume work are, as a matter of course, at once restored. The rest of the members in good standing acquire, by virtue of the revival of the subordinate certain rights and privileges. The question is, what is the extent of these rights and privileges? They unquestionably, in so far as the mere suspension of membership was inseparable from the suspended condition of the Lodge, have the same right to unite in the application for restoration of charter as those who do apply, and having failed to do so, they do not thereby superadd any further disability to to their position. They are therefore entitled to be readmitted to membership, or rather to resume membership upon payment of all arrears against them at the time of the suspension of the Lodge, and such other dues as may have occured since they were notified of its resumption of work, unless special causes exist to the contrary. Whilst the right of the member to readmission is undoubted, yet it must be taken in this instance, as in all others, to be subject to the inherent right of the Lodge, of self-protection, which is the paramount law where such issue is involved. Many reasons may be imagined why all the members should not necessarily be readmitted. Perhaps in the case reported, page 1477, Journal, from Illinois, the very cause of the surrender of charter was to get rid of obnoxious members whose presence and membership destroyed the harmony and prosperity of the Lodge, and if, necessarily, such members could be admitted without challenge, upon the restoration of the charter, the real object would be defeated. I decide that all the members of Chillicothe Lodge who were in good standing at the time the Lodge ceased to work, or when it became suspended, are entitled to readmission upon payment of the proper dues chargeable, if no *special cause* otherwise exists, of which the Lodge is to be the judge: and that the proper dues are the amount, if any, appearing on the books at the time of surrender of charter, or ceasing to work, and such other dues as may have accrued since the member's knowledge of restoration.

ONE BALLOT AND ONE RECONSIDERATION.

It has been suggested that section 189, Digest, relating to ballots and reconsideration, is of different construction. The ground is taken that a ballot is not complete until its results are declared by the Noble Grand. And if, by authority of a State law, the first vote is not decisive, the Lodge may vote again until a decision, in conformity with said law, is had and declared; and such is held to be but one continuous ballot, and consistent with the 189th section of the Digest. The suggestion appearing to me to have weight, I respectfully refer it to your consideration. The determination of the question is important, as it involves the subordinate law on the subject in many jurisdictions.

IMPROPER USE OF THE NAME AND PRESTIGE OF THE ORDER.

Shortly after the adjournment of last session my attention was called to certain advertisements of a private business nature, by parties connected with the Order, which, on examination, I deemed to be in violation of the law. (Journal, page 5143 and 5199.)

In obedience to what I conceived to be my duty, I addressed a communication to each of the parties referred to, pointing out the objectionable parts of their publications, and requesting them in courteous language, to remove them, taking care to point out the law of this R. W. Grand Body on the subject. Explanations were made, and arguments were adduced, to establish the fact that the law had not been violated, or if so, certainly not intentionally. To prove that the publications complained of by me were not in violation of law, it was claimed that Grosh's, Donaldson's and other Odd Fellows' Manuals and works which contain much that belongs exclusively to the Order, especially the emblems and their significations—which are published on account of, and for individual gain—had been sanctioned by the authorities, or if not so, had been approved and countenanced by some of the most distinguished members of the Order, which I confess cannot be controverted; nevertheless, a violation of a law by others, no matter under what distinguished auspices or approval, was no defence, in my judgment, and only serves to enforce more cogently our duty in the premises.

In this connection, I beg to call your attention to what I conceive to be an infringement of the laws of this R. W. Body. I have reference to the publication of charts, banners and other designs of various kinds, displaying the emblems of the Order, and in many cases classifying and arranging them according to the respective authors' ideas of their particular place in the work. Having been applied to for permission to publish such charts, &c., I have emphatically stated that I did not possess the authority to do so; furthermore that the use of such charts, which is practised in many Lodges and Encampments, in illustrating the principles of the Order, is a violation of law, and would not be tolerated.

The right to publish everything connected with the Order—emblems, charts, formulas, &c.,—I have always regarded as belonging exclusively to the Grand Lodge of the United States; whether such claim has been fully enforced heretofore or not, I deem it absolutely necessary to do so at this time—as well in view of the injury being done by the use of such erroneous, unauthorized publications, as for the benefit, financially, which would accrue to this R. W. Body.

I have frequently been interrogated as to whether there is any relation existing between this R. W. Body and any Life Insurance Company, or whether it has at any time endorsed or recommended any of said institutions, to which I, of course, answered negatively. That the entire Order may be properly informed on this subject, I have deemed it highly proper to call your attention to the matter, and respectfully refer you to a letter from Excelsior Lodge No. 44, jurisdiction of Ontario, and my reply thereto.

My correspondence in regard to improper publications is herewith submitted.

The 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 12, 13, 14 and 15 decisions, and 2, 3, 5 and 6 questions and replies were referred to the Judiciary Committee, who made the following report, viz:

That they approve of decisions 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 9, 12 and 14, and of the answers to inquiries 2, 3, 5, and 6; they also approve the action of the Grand Sire in reference to the improper use of the name and prestige of the Order.

That decision No. 13 should be referred to the Legislative Committee. That No. 14 is decided correctly.

In reference to decision No. 4, we report:—An application for membership may be withdrawn before the report of the Committee thereon is presented, but not subsequently. If the report is recommitted to the Committee, it is then too late to withdraw the name of the candidate. State Grand Lodges are perfectly competent to decide whether it is necessary to obtain permission of the Lodge to withdraw an application for membership prior to the report of the Committee.

This report, after considerable debate on the decisions 4 and 13, was recommitted, with instructions to report on decision No. 13; and the Committee, supposing that was the only portion recommitted, made the following report, which was adopted by the Grand Lodge, viz.: That they approve of the Grand Sire's opinion as therein expressed.

Thus, it will be seen the other decisions failed to receive the *confirmation* of the Grand Lodge; nevertheless they must be taken as binding until *reversed* by the Grand Lodge.

Decisions 6, 8. 10, and 11, and questions and answers 1 and 4 were referred to the Committee on the State of the Order, who reported, recommending that decisions 6, 10 and 11 and answers 1 and 4 be affirmed.

That in reference to decision No. 8 the following be substituted, viz: That a State Grand Body having accepted the Degree of Rebekah and allowed it to be communicated to its subordinates, it is the duty of the Elective Officers *only* of the subordinates to be instructed in the work of the degree before installation into their respective chairs.

The report was adopted.

The subject of the "History of Oddfellowship" was referred to a Committee consisting of Bros. McKinstry, of Ala; Garey, of Md; Lindenberg of O.; Simpson, of Penn.; and Porter of Mass.; to report next session.

The Judiciary Committee reported and the report was adopted, That, when upon a ballot, the number of black balls required to reject (by law of the jurisdiction) are cast, the applicant shall be declared to be rejected, and it is not lawful for the application to be referred for further investigation and a new ballot at some future meeting."

The same Committee reported the following, which was adopted, viz:

Without further legislation by this Grand Lodge it is not competent for a Subordinate Lodge to make a By-Law restricting membership to persons over a certain age. The qualifications for admission to the Order are defined by Article 16, Sec. 2, of the Constitution, no Grand or Subordinate Lodge has the right to change the same.

As this decision renders Clause 1 of Article 2 of Constitution for Subordinate Lodges in this jurisdiction invalid, particular attention is called to it.

On the report of Finance Committee the price of Cards and Dismissal Certificates was reduced to fifteen cents,

On the Report of the Committee on Correspondence a Charter was granted for a "Grand Lodge of the German Empire," constituting the Order therein under certain restrictions an independent sovereignty, similar to that which formerly existed in British North America.

The several Reports of the Committee on Appeals, being too lengthy for insertion in this Report, are recommended to the careful perusal of the members.

With regard to the appeal of W. D. Kennedy from the action of this R. W. Grand Lodge at its last session, your Representatives were not intrusted with the duty of presenting said appeal; on the contrary, the senior representative was given to understand that several representatives of other jurisdictions had undertaken to present said appeal; we therefore deemed it unwise to obtrude our services. The result was the appeal was not presented until the last day of the session, when Representative Stokes, of Pennsylvania, presented it and moved that it lay over until next session, without prejudice to either party.

On the Report of the Legislative Committee the following was adopted, viz.:

When a member has been suspended for cause, and the suspension has continued five years or more, subordinates may, in their discretion, make a suitable remission of the accrued dues to encourage reinstatements, or commute the same upon payment of a satisfactory amount.

From the same Committee the following was adopted, viz.; Relating to the proper disposition of funds of defunct Subordinate Lodges which are surrendered to Grand Lodges, the use of said funds is authorized, to assist Lodges in need; also for the assistance of widows and orphans, if any, of such defunct Lodges, or to any relief fund which may exist in the jurisdiction, except always, where the fund is held by the Grand Lodge as a specific trust.

From the same Committee the following amendment to By-Law No. 22 was adopted, viz. · The regalia for a Past Grand, who is also a Past Chief Patriarch, may, in lieu of any other regalia to which he may be entitled, be a scarlet collar, trimmed with white, the collar not to be more than five and a-half inches wide with a roll of purple two inches wide, trimmed with yellow, the collar to be united in front with three links, The above described regalia may be worn by a brother who has passed the chairs in a Lodge and in an Encampment in any Grand or Subordinate Lodge or any Grand or Subordinate Encampment. The collar may be of scarlet velvet, with white metal trimmings, and the roll of purple velvet, with yellow metal trimmings.

From the same Committee the following was adopted, viz.:

That when a member is being tried by a Subordinate Lodge for violating the obligations or divulging the secrets of any of the degrees, members who have not attained the degrees specified in the charge should be required to retire from the Lodge during the trial.

From the Judiciary Committee the following was adopted, viz. :

A member of Lodge "A" visits Lodge "B," at the meeting after the installation of officers for a new term, but prior to the installation in Lodge "A," not having the S. A. P. W. for the new term may or may not the Noble Grand admit him on the S. A. P. W. of the previous term, which still remains in force, or good in Lodge "A" ? The member of Lodge "A" cannot be admitted unless he gives the new password used in Lodge "B."

From the same Committee the following was adopted, viz. :

That it is the duty of any Lodge, upon the presentation of a duly authenticated degree certificate, if the holder is in good standing to confer the degrees upon the candidate holding and presenting such certificate.

Also on the question whether a retiring Noble Grand is eligible to the office of Representative, the following was adopted. viz. : That when a Noble Grand ceases to be such and has become a Past Grand, he is eligible to the office of Representative to the State Grand Lodge, and to the Grand Lodge of the United States, if in the latter instance he possesses all other requisite qualifications.

The following from the Committee on Foreign Relations was adopted, viz. :

That the prosperity and success of our brethren abroad is a source of profound gratification. Touching the wish expressed in Australia, Peru and the Sandwich Islands, that our laws relating to qualifications for membership as regards "Color," the Committee, for very cogent reasons, decline to recommend such legislation so long as the Lodges in these countries work under our jurisdiction. They also decline to recommend an appropriation for a special deputation to Australia.

Rep. Morse, of California, moved the following, which was adopted, viz.

Resolved,—That a Committee of five be appointed, to whom should be assigned the duty of considering and preparing a system of dues and benefits for our Order which shall be in harmony with the present perfected knowledge upon the subject of insurance and guarantees, and report the same to this R. W. Grand Lodge at its next session.

The Committee is composed of Rep. Morse, of California ; Nicholson, P. G. Sire, of Pennsylvania, Rep. Leech, of Iowa ; Edwards, of West virginia, and Dowden of Kentucky.

Several amendments to the Constitution were either rejected or indefinitely postponed, among them one for altering the name, your representatives believing that a change in that respect is necessary and will ultimately prevail, gave the requisite notice for a change, which was cheerfully seconded by several able representatives of other jurisdictions.

A great length of time was spent in secret session. The action had therein is shown to a considerable extent in the new Charge Books now in possession of the Lodges. Suffice it to say here that great interest and zeal was manifested to make the work as correct and complete as possible ; a diagram of a Lodge room showing the proper positions of officers, &c., was recommended as shown on page 5586 of the revised Journal. Jewels for Subordinate Officers were adopted as shown on page 5622 of said Journal.

The endeavor of your representatives has been to make this report as concise as possible, and therefore much that appears in the revised Journal of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the United States has

been omitted, which is nevertheless of considerable moment and interest to the whole brotherhood of this jurisdiction and will well repay a careful reading and consideration.

The Officers of the G. L. U. S. for the present term are :

C. A. LOGAN,	M. W. Grand Sire,	Kansas,
M. J. DURHAM,	R. W. Deputy Grand Sire,	Kentucky,
JAMES L. RIDGLEY,	" Grand Secretary.	Maryland,
JOSHUA VANSANT,	" Grand Treasurer.	Maryland,
REV. J. W. VENABLE,	" Grand Chaplain,	Kentucky,
CALEB RAND,	" Grand Marshall,	Massachusetts,
A. COHEN,	" Grand Guardian,	Kansas,
J. W. HUDSON,	" Grand Messenger,	Wisconsin.

The conclusion of the address of the M. W. Grand Sire on assuming the Chair of his office is well worthy of repetition. He said :—"There is no created thing which has not an office to perform in the economy of nature—an office connected with some important interest in the great plan of existence. As devotees of an advanced idea, finding expression in the demand for a universal brotherhood, it is ours to mitigate the ills of life ; to pluck the sting of sorrow ; to draw the sunshine over the cloud ; to bridge the chasm of a fallen nature, and polish the rough jewel of humanity for a glorious setting in the coronet of an immortal life. Fellow toilers ! let us work for those ends while the day lasts ; let us press militantly into the future ; and while we strive for truth, and invoke the gentle arts of friendship and love in the contest, let us with one accord and strength of arm.

'"Strike for the cause which needs assistance
Against the wrong which needs resistance
Strike for the future in the distance,
And the good that we may do.'"

With sincere thanks for the honor conferred upon us as your representatives, the whole is respectfully submitted.

JAMES WOODYATT,
JOHN GIBSON.

Rep. Cl. T. Campbell, from the Committee on Distribution, presented the following report, which was considered and adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

Your Committee on Distribution submit the following as their Report, viz :

That clauses 2 and 15 of the Grand Master's Report be referred to the Committee on Petitions ; clauses 5, 6, 7, 8, 11 and 16 to the Committee on the State of the Order ; 12 to the Committee on Correspondence ; 17 to the Committee on Legislation ; and 10 to a Special Committee of five members.

That clauses 3,7, 12 and 14 of the Grand Secretary's Report be referred to the Committee on Legislation ; 8 to the Committee on Returns ; 13 and 15 to the Committee on Finance.

That that portion of the Grand Representatives' Report referring to the action of the G. L. U. S. on the right of Subordinates to limit membership to persons not over a certain age be referred to the Committee on Legislation.

Your Committee submit the following :

Resolved—That the above report be adopted.

CL. T. CAMPBELL, E. G. CHANT,
J. G. SISTERSON, JAS. R. DUNN,
ISAAC J. DAVIS.

At one o'clock, on motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned until three o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

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GRAND LODGE ROOM, STRATFORD, Aug. 6th, 1873.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Grand Lodge met at three o'clock, M. W. Grand Master Jno. Murray presiding.

Roll called, present :—All the Grand Officers and a quorum of Representatives.

The Grand Marshal and Grand Conductor, having examined all present, reported them correct: whereupon the Grand Marshal by direction, proclaimed the Grand Lodge open.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The following accounts were read, and on motion referred to the Committee on Finance :—

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, Dr.

To John Murray, M. W. Grand Master.

To expenses incurred in official visits	$256 44
" Telegrams and Express charges	19 96
" Postage and Stationery	11 03
	$287 43.

STRATFORD, Aug. 6, 1873.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, Dr.

To C. E. Stewart & Co.

To printing 250 copies of the Grand Secretary's Report $37 40

STRATFORD, Aug. 6, 1873.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, Dr.

To St. Catharines Daily Journal.

To printing 350 copies of Grand Master's Report $13 00

STRATFORD, Aug. 6th. 1873.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario Dr.

To Cl. T. Campbell, D. D. G. M,

To expenses incurred in official visits to Olive Branch Lodge, No. 88..... $10 00

STRATFORD, Aug. 6th, 1873.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario Dr.

To E. G. Ha

To extra Railway Certificates..... $1 50

The Roll of Lodges was now called, in accord ice with the rule, when Avon Lodge, No. 41, Rep. Cl. T. Campbell, ubmitted the following, which was referred to the Committee on State of the Order

Are the laws organizing Degree Lodges, temporarily adopted in 1871, still in force either in whole or in part ? If not, what laws have been provided, regulating the institution of such Lodges ?

Otter Lodge, No. 50, Rep. John Dewar, submitted the following, which was referred to the same Committee

Can a Brother who is receiving sick benefits, have the degrees conferred upon him, and is he entitled to the increased rate of sick benefits during such physical disability?

In the election for Representative, a brother receives a majority vote over all the others, is it legal to elect such brother and drop the brother having the lowest number of votes, at the same time while two of the nominees have had no votes at all, and are said brothers who received no votes still considered candidates?

Covenant Lodge, No. 52, Rep. J. T. Hornibrook, submitted the following, which was referred to the same Committee:

Can a member cease membership for N, P. D.? and if so, when?

St. Thomas Lodge, No. 76, Rep. L. Ferguson, submitted the following, which was referred to the same Committee:

When our by-laws say a candidate must reside in the town six months before he can be proposed, or that he must be examined by the Lodge physician and his certificate must be in the Lodge before he is balloted for; and should a candidate be elected before it was discovered that he had not resided in the town six months, or that he was elected before he had been examined by the Lodge physician; and when either of these irregularities have been discovered, is it right for the N. G., to declare such an election illegal, and when the said by-laws have been confirmed, to order a new ballot?

Western City Lodge, No. 93, Rep. John Oswald, submitted the following, which was referred to the same Committee:

1st. Three black balls being deposited against a candidate, two of which are acknowledged to be a mistake, is the candidate elected, or has there to be a new ballot?

2nd. Has a candidate to pay one quarter's dues on the night of his initiation?

3rd. When is a member thirteen weeks in arrears, when the by-laws call for the dues to be paid in advance?

Belleville Lodge, No. 81, Rep. W. J. Diamond, presented the following, which was referred the same Committee:

The retiring Chaplain, who was duly appointed and filled said office for the term ending June 30th, last past, was nominated to fill the office of P. S. for the present term. Other qualified members were also nominated On the night of election those in nomination all declined to accept the office except the Chaplain, and he was elected by acclamation and duly installed in the office of P. S.

Question—Clause 9 of article 3 of the Constitution empowering a Lodge to add a Chaplain to the list of appointed officers, and our Lodge having done so; and as the Lodge duly elected their late Chaplain, who was a scarlet member by acclamation, and who was subsequently duly installed in said office of P. S., is the office legally filled by Bro. A. L. Geen, the brother elected?

The Grand Secretary read the following from Bro. Matthew Kennedy, which, with accompanying documents, was referred to the Committee on Appeals:

PETROLIA, July 30, 1873.

J. B. KING, Esq.,
Brantford.

SIR & BRO.—Enclosed, please find a Clearance Card, which has been imposed on me. I respectfully ask the Lodge to annul the same, as I did not wish such Card, as you will see by my letter dated May 12th. I have tendered them my dues, and they refused them. I have never received the travelling password. Therefore I most respectfully appeal to the Grand Lodge for protection.

Yours in F. L. & T.,
MATTHEW KENNEDY.

Jas. Dougherty, of Bissell Lodge, No. 51, presented the following appeal against that Lodge, which was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

MITCHELL, Aug. 4, 1873.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:

I take the liberty of appealing to your honorable body from the action and decision of Bissell Lodge, No. 51, I. O. O. F., Mitchell, in a charge preferred by Bros. A. and J. Mulhern against me, as being informal, and a want of fairness, and not in conformity with the laws and usages of the Order.

1st. The charge is without date.

2nd. The Committee was not legally appointed.

3rd. That I had not sufficient time to notify my witnesses and get other necessary evidence in the case.

4th. That I was tried before on a portion of said charge, by the Lodge, and acquitted.

5th. That the Lodge did not keep a correct report of the proceedings of the case.

6th. That the Committee would not take my evidence in full, or admit of sworn affidavits and other documentary evidence that had a bearing upon the case, nor would the N. G. permit me to read them in the Lodge.

7th That I was interrupted many times by the Chairman of the Committee Mr. Abbott, when making my defence to the Lodge, and also by Mr. Coppin.

8th. That I was refused the privilege of voting while the charge was pending.

9th. That the Committee did not submit all the evidence that was given to the Lodge.

Hoping you will give the matter your consideration,

I am yours respectfully,

JAMES DOUGHERTY.

Queen City Lodge, No. 56, Rep. J. R. Dunn, presented the following, which was referred to the Committee on State of the Order:

A brother in good standing is sick, but not sending for the Lodge Physician during said sickness, and not having the same reported to the Lodge, and not asking for benefits—nine months after, takes sick again, but, not having paid his dues during the interim, now claims that the benefits to which he was entitled for first sickness should have been applied to pay his dues. I beg to ask if such can be so employed; also, if he can now collect said benefits.

Kingston Lodge, No. 59, Rep. W. D. Gordon, submitted the following, which was referred to the same Committee:

A person applies for admission to a Lodge, under an assumed name, is accepted and initiated; the Lodge finding out the fact, what punishment can it inflict?

In accordance with a resolution to that effect, the Chair named the following Special Committee to consider clause 10 of the Grand Master's Report, viz.:—H. C. Bingham, P. G. M., ; J. Gibson, P.G.M.; Reps. Cl. T. Campbell, Jno. Richmond, N. Hugo, R. Mathews.

Rep. J. J. Dyas, from the Committee on Petitions and Correspondence, submitted the following Report which was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario I. O. O. F.

We your Committee on Petitions and Correspondence, beg to recommend that such of the correspondence as relates to Ivy Lodge, No. 90, be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

We therefore submit the following:

Resolved—That this Report be adopted.

Fraternally submitted.

J. J. DYAS, HUGH McCOLL,
J. B. McINTYRE, R. TRACEY,
JNO. LAWRENCE,

Rep. Jno. Lawrence, from the same Committee, submitted the following Report, which was considered and adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

Your Committee on Petitons and Correspondence beg to report that we have examined the correspondence of the M. W. G. M. and R. W. G. S. and find the same to be carefully kept and in such a manner as hereafter to be of benefit to those who may wish to find out the particulars of the working of the Order during the past year.

We therefore submit the following :

Resolved, That the foregoing report be adopted.

J. J. DYAS, HUGH McCOLL,
J. B. McINTYRE, R. TRACEY,
JNO. LAWRENCE

Rep. J. B. McIntyre, from the Committee on Petitions and Correspondence, presented the following Report, which was considered and adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Petitions and Correspondence, to whom was referred clauses 2, 12 and 15 of the Report of the M. W. Grand Master, beg to report:

That they approve of clause 2, which recommends that Charters be granted to the following Lodges, which were instituted during the past year, and advise the adoption of the same. viz :

Peabody,	No.	99,	Inst.	Sept.	12,	1872	Watford.
Lindsay,	"	100,	"	"	24,	"	Lindsay.
Golden Star,	"	101,	"	Oct.	10,	"	Brampton.
Dosoronto,	"	102,	"	Nov.	15.	"	Mill Point.
Cataract,	"	103,	"	Dec.	5,	"	Drummondville.
Crescent,	"	104,	"	Jan.	31,	1873	Hamilton.
Manilla,	"	105,	"	Feb.	26,	"	Manilla.
St. Clair,	"	106,	"	"	27,	"	Pt. Edward.
Waterloo,	"	107,	"	Mar.	11,	"	Galt
Royal Oak,	"	108,	"	"	19,	"	Forest,
Orion,	"	109,	"	"	20,	"	Georgetown.
Laurel.	"	110,	"	May	5,	"	Yorkville.
Peterboro,	"	111,	"	"	7,	"	Peterboro.
Lucknow,	"	112,	"	"	9,	"	Lucknow.
Trenton,	"	113,	"	June	11,	"	Trenton.
Gananoque,	"	114,	"	"	16,	"	Gananoque.
Harmony,	"	115,	"	"	24,	"	Brantford.
Naomi,	"	116,	"	July	1,	"	Markham.
Valley City,	"	117,	"	"	10,	"	Dundas.
Shannonville,	"	118,	"	"	31,	"	Shannonville,

Your Committee also approve of the action of the Grand Master in issuing a warrant for the institution of Maitland Lodge, No. 119, at Wingham, on August 4th. and recommend that a charter be also issued to that Lodge,

We also recommend that the request of the Grand Secretary of Mississippi, as contained in clause 12, asking permission to appeal to the Lodges in this jurisdiction on behalf of Manchester Lodge, No. 54, Yazoo City, be granted.

We also approve of the action of the Grand Master in granting a card to Bro. David J. Woodward, and recommend that the same be confirmed.

We therefore submit the following :

Resolved, That the foregoing report be adopted.

Fraternally submitted.

J. J. DYAS, HUGH McCOLL,
J. B. McINTYRE, R. TRACEY,
J. LAWRENCE.

Rep. Francis Rae, of Corinthian Lodge, No. 61, being ill, asked and obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the Session.

C. S. Male P. G., presented the following, which was referred to a Special Committee consisting of Reps. G. W. Jessop, W. J. Diamond, and Robt. Evans.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

STRATFORD, Aug. 6th, 1873.

I hereby apply for a Clearance Card for Bro. Charles E. Ewing, formerly a member of Industry Lodge, said Lodge having surrendered its Charter.

C. S. MALE.

On motion the Grand Lodge adjourned at 4:30 p. m., to meet at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

SECOND DAY.

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MORNING SESSION.

STRATFORD, August 7, 1873.

The Grand Lodge met at 9 o'clock a. m., the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. John Murray in the chair.

On the roll being called, the following Officers were present :

JOHN MURRAY.....*M. W. Grand Master.*
GEORGE WRIGHT.....*R. W. Deputy Grand Master.*
R. WARRINER.....*R. W. Grand Warden.*
J. B. KING.....*R. W. Grand Secretary.*
A. D. CLEMENT.....*R. W. Grand Treasurer.*
JAMES WOODYATT.....*R. W. Grand Representative.*
JOHN GIBSON.....*R. W. Grand Representative.*
HARPER WILSON.....*R. W. Grand Marshal.*
JAMES F. MOREY.....*R. W. Grand Conductor.*
GEORGE MIDGELY.....*R. W. Grand Guardian.*

And a quorum of Representatives.

Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Marshal and Grand Conductor, by order of the M. W Grand Master, examined the Representatives present and declared them to be duly qualified: whereupon, by further order, the Deputy Grand Master declared the Grand Lodge open for the transaction of business.

The minutes of last session were read and approved.

At the request of the Finance Committee the chair added the names of Reps. F. H. Pope and E. R. Robinson to that Committee.

Rep. E. Beltz moved the following, which was not agreed to:

Resolved,—That no brother be allowed to speak more than five minutes on any subject or motion, unless by consent of the Grand Lodge, and that the rule of order allowing no brother to speak more than twice on any subject or motion be strictly observed, unless by consent of the Grand Lodge.

Rep. H. Blain, seconded by Rep. H. McColl, moved the following, which was not agreed to:

Resolved.—That the subject of amending the Rules of Order be referred to a Special Committee of five Representatives.

Rep. G. W. Jessop, from the Special Committee on that subject, submitted the following Report, which was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

Your Special Committee to whom was referred the application of Bro. C. S. Male, of Corinthian Lodge No. 61, for a Clearance Card for Bro. Charles E. Ewing, formerly of Industry Lodge No. 25, which is alleged as having surrendered its charter, beg respectfully to recommend that a card of Clearance be granted to said Bro. Charles E. Ewing, upon his producing satisfactory evidence that he was clear of all charges upon the books of the said Lodge at the time the same became defunct, and also that he took no part in the illegal distribution of the Lodge funds or property.

We therefore submit the following:

Resolved—That the above Report be adopted.

GEO. W. JESSOP,
W. J. DIAMOND,
ROBERT EVANS.

The following petition from Rond Eau Lodge, No. 40, was read, and referred to the Committee on Petitions and Correspondence:—

Rond Eau Lodge, No. 40, I.O.O.F., having petitioned for the Charter and other property of late Rond Eau Lodge, No. 40, that petition being granted by this Grand Body. We received the same by paying thirty dollars for the charter. We consider that we are entitled to have the thirty dollors so paid, refunded.

Fraternally

ROBERT WILSON,
Secretary.

Rep. H. McColl, from the Committee on Petitions and Correspondence, submitted the following Report, which was considered and adopted:—

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

Your Committee on Petitions and Correspondence, to whom was referred the letters of members of Barrie Lodge, No. 63, asking for withdrawal Cards, we would report:

That Barrie Lodge, No. 63, has not yet formally surrendered its Charter to the M. W. Grand Master and that therefore the brothers must still look to Barrie Lodge for their Cards.

Should Barrie Lodge surrender its Charter, we would recommend that the M. W. Grand Master consider carefully as to whether the brothers applying for Cards have been the cause of Barrie Lodge becoming defunct.

We respectfully submit the following :—

Resolved, That the above report be adopted.

J. J. DYAS,
HUGH McCOLL,
J. B. McINTYRE.
J. LAWRENCE.

Rep. J. F. McDonald, seconded by Rep. J. B. McIntyre, moved the following, which was resolved in the affirmative :

Resolved—That a Special Committee be appointed to enquire into the fact of the membership of Brothers Samuel Wilson and Wright Sudworth, members of the Lodge of this Order, at Woodstock, prior to the institution of this Grand Lodge, said Committee to report to this Grand Lodge at its present session, as to the terms and conditions upon which Cards should be granted to the Brothers named.

The Chair named as the Committee Reps. G. W. Jessop, W. J. Diamond and R. Evans.

Rep. W. N. Ford, P. G. M., seconded by Rep. H. Gibson, moved the following, which was resolved in the affirmative :

Resolved,—That the subject of the Report of the Special Committee, page 555, Journal 1872, being a resolution by Rep. H. Gibson, "for the appointment of a Committee to consider the advisability of this Grand Lodge erecting an edifice as a source of revenue, &c.," be again referred to a Committee to be composed of the mover, Reps. H. Gibson, W. Mowatt, R. Box, W. S. Campbell and Wm. Fitzsimmons.

Rep. W. J. Diamond, from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following Report :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, : I. O. O. F.

The Finance Committee beg to report that they have examined into the following accounts, and recommend the payment thereof :

1873.

August 4.—C. E. Stewart & Co., printing 250 Grand Secretary's Report	$ 37 40
August 4.—"Daily Journal," St. Catharines, printing Grand Master's Report, 350 copies	13 00
August 6.—John Murray, G. Master, expenses for official visiting to date and P. O. and Telegraph account	287 43
Amounting in all to the sum of	$337 83

The Committee have also had under their consideration an account of D. D. G. M., Bro. Cl. T. Campbell, for expenses incurred for "Olive Branch," No. 88, Woodstock ; they recommend that the Grand Lodge do not pay the same.

We therefore submit the following :—

Resolved—That the foregoing report be adopted.

W. MOWAT, W. D. GORDON,
GEO. W. JESSOP, W. J. DIAMOND,
H. GRIFFITH.

Rep. J. J. Dyas, from the Committee on Petitions and Correspondence, submitted the following Report, which was considered and adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

We your Committee on Petitions and Correspondence to whom was referred the petition of Rond Eau Lodge, asking for this Grand Lodge to refund the sum of

thirty dollars, for Charter fee, beg to report that we find by clause 341, Digest, it is beyond the power of this Grand Lodge to refund the amount asked for.

We therefore submit the following :—

Resolved, That the above report be adopted.

Respectfully submitted.

J. J. DYAS,
HUGH McCOLL,
J. B. McINTYRE,
JOHN LAWRENCE.

Rep. H. E. Buttery, from the Committee on State of the Order, submitted the following Report, which on motion was considered *seriatim*, and adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

We your Committee on State of the Order, to whom was referred the following questions, beg to submit as follows :

1st.—Question by Rep. Dewar, of Otter Lodge No. 50 :

"Can a brother, who is receiving sick benefits, have the degrees conferred on him, and is he entitled to the increased rate of sick benefits during such physical disability ?"

Yes—if legally elected to the Degrees.

2nd.—Question of Rep. Cl. T. Campbell, of Avon Lodge No. 41 :

"Are the laws organizing Degree Lodges, temporarily adopted in 1871, still in force, either in whole or in part ? If not, what laws have been provided, regulating the institution of such Lodges ?"

Answer—The laws of 1871 are still in force, so far as they apply to organization, but when they conflict with the Constitution of 1872, they are repealed.

3rd. —Question from Rep. J. T. Hornibrook, of Covenant Lodge No. 52 :

"Can a member cease membership for N. P. D. ? and if so, when ?"

Yes, when the By-Laws of a Lodge provide for the same.

We therefore submit the following :

Resolved,—That the foregoing Report be adopted.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. E. BUTTERY, JAS. WOODYATT,
HENRY McAFEE, H. C. BINGHAM,
T. HEALEY.

James Woodyatt, P. G. M., from the same Committee, submitted the following Report, which was considered *seriatim* and adopted :—

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on the State of the Order report on the following matters submitted to them, viz :

Rep. John Oswald, of Western City Lodge, states :

1st. Three black balls being deposited against a candidate, two of which are acknowledged to be a mistake, is the candidate elected, or has there to be a new ballot ?

Answer.—The candidate is not elected, and a new election can only be made in accordance with sections 128 and 129 of the Digest.

2nd. Has a candidate to pay one quarter's dues on the night of his initiation?

Answer. The matter is governed by the By-laws of the Lodge.

3rd. When is a member thirteen weeks in arrears, when the By-laws call for the dues to be paid in advance ?

Answer—On the first night of the quarter, if his dues are not paid then or before.

We therefore submit the following:

Resolved,—That the above Report be adopted.

Fraternally submitted.

JAMES WOODYATT, T. HEALEY,
HENRY McAFEE H. E. BUTTERY,
H. C. BINGHAM,

James Woodyatt, P. G. M., from the same Committee, submitted the following Report, which was considered *seriatim* and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

Your Committee on the State of the Order report on the following question of Rep. Ferguson, of St. Thomas Lodge, No. 76, viz:

"When our by-laws say a candidate must reside in the town six months before he can be proposed, or that he must be examined by the Lodge physician and his certificate must be in the Lodge before he is balloted for; and should a candidate be elected before it was discovered that he had not resided in town six months, or that he was elected before he had been examined by the Lodge physician; and when either of these irregularities have been discovered, is it right for the N G., to declare such an election illegal, and when the said by-law has been confirmed, to order a new ballot?"

Answer—It would be competent for the Lodge, by a two-third vote, to declare the election void, but not for the N. G., to do so Sec. 130, Digest.

We also report on the following from Rep. W. D. Gordon, of Kingston Lodge, No. 59, viz:

"A person applies for admission to a Lodge under an assumed name, is accepted and initiated. The Lodge finding out the fact, what punishment can it inflict?"

Answer—Expel, on proper trial.

Resolved,—That the above Report be adopted.

Fraternally submitted.

JAMES WOODYATT HENRY McAFEE,
H. E. BUTTERY, H. C. BINGHAM,
T. HEALEY,

James Woodyatt, P. G. M., from the same Committee submitted the following Report, which was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

Your Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred clauses 5, 6, 7, 8, 11 and 16 of the Grand Master's Report, submit the following, viz:

That your Committee approve the action taken and the sentiments expressed in clauses 5, 6, 8, and eleven; also of the decisions in clause 7, and also of the recommendation in clause 16, that a duplicate charter be granted to Howard Lodge in place of the original, which has been destroyed by fire.

Resolved,—That this Report be adopted.

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES WOODYATT, HENRY McAFEE,
T. HEALY, H. E. BUTTERY,
H. C. BINGHAM.

H. McAfee, P. G. M., from the same Committee, submitted the following Report, which was considered and adopted;

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O.F.

The Committee on the State of the Order beg leave to state that they have examined the letters of Bros. James N. Wallace, W. J. Sargent, and A. V. Palmer members of the late Barrie Lodge, No. 63, applying for cards, and recommend that they be referred to the Committee on Petitions and Correspondence.

Also that certain letters from Bro. John Noble, of Ivy Lodge, No. 90, Parkhill, be referred to the Committee on Appeals.

Resolved,—That the foregoing Report be adopted.

Fraternally submitted.

HENRY McAFEE JAMES WOODYATT,
T. HEALY, H. E. BUTTERY,
H. C. BINGHAM.

H. McAfee, P. G. M., from the same Committee, submitted the following report, which was considered and adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I O. O. F. :

The Committee on the State of the Order, in reply to the queries of Rep. J. R. Dunn, of Queen City of Ontario Lodge, No. 56, as follows, viz. :

"A brother in good standing is sick, but not sending for the Lodge Physician during said sickness, and not having the same reported to the Lodge, and not asking for benefits—nine months after, takes sick again, but not having paid his dues during the interim, now claims that the benefits to which he was entitled for first sickness should have been applied to pay his dues. I beg to ask if such can be so employed ; also, if he can collect said benefits."

We reply—If By-Laws of Lodge say that notice of sickness must be given within a limited period, and such notice not having been given, the brother, in such case forfeits his claim to benefits for such sickness.

Resolved,—That the foregoing Report be adopted.

Fraternally submitted.

HENRY McAFEE, T. HEALEY,
JAS. WOODYATT, H. C. BINGHAM,
H. E. BUTTERY.

Rep. James Heron, from the Committee on Returns, submitted the following Report, which was considered and adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

We, your Committee to whom was referred clause 4 of R. W. Grand Secretary's Report, beg to say that we fully concur in the remarks of the Grand Secretary as to the loose and slovenly manner in which many of the Returns are made out, more especially among older Lodges, of whom better is expected. We believe it arises more from the frequent change of Secretary than from any other cause, and would recommend each Lodge to secure the services of an efficient Secretary from among their members, and continue to re-elect him, even if they have to pay him a salary to reimburse him for the time engaged in the performance of his duty.

We therefore submit the following resolution :

Resolved—That the report, as submitted be adopted.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES HERON, W. CHATFIELD,
THOS. COLBY, JR. JNO. GRAHAM,
T. H. VANN.

Rep. James Heron from the same Committee, submitted the following Report, which was considered and adopted ;

STRATFORD, August 7th, 1873.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

We, your Committee on Returns, beg to report that we have carefully examined the Returns for the YEAR ending June 30th, 1873, and find them as follows :—

Brock, No. 9 ; Eureka, No. 30; Gore, No. 34 ; Frontier, No. 45 ; Unity, No. 47 ; Dominion, No. 48; Canada, No 49 ; Bissel, No. 51 ; Niagara Falls, No. 53; Kingston, No. 59 ; Wardsville, No. 60 ; Florence Nightingale, No. 66 ; North Star, No. 68 ; Hope, No. 69 ; Lucan, No. 70 ; Warriner, No. 75 ; St. Thomas, No. 76 ; Clinton No. 83 ; Walkerton, No. 84 ; Constellation, No. 85 ; Napanee, No. 86 ; Empire, No. 89 ; Olive Branch, No. 88; Reliance, No. 89 ; Grand River, No. 91 ; Milton, No. 92 ; Western City, No. 93 ; Port Stanley, No. 95 ; Nith, No. 96 ; Minto, No. 98 ; Peabody, No. 99 ; Lindsay, No. 100 ; Cataract, No. 103 ; Crescent, No. 104 ; Manilla, No 105 ; St. Clair, No. 106 ; Waterloo, No. 107 ; Royal Oak, No. 108 ; Orion No. 109 ; Peterboro, No. 111 ; Lucknow, No. 112 ; Trenton, No. 113 ; Harmony, No. 115 ; Yale Degree Lodge, No. 4 ; Rondeau, No. 40 ; Golden Star, No. 101, correct for both terms.

	Dec. 31st, 1872.	June 30th, 1873.
Union, No. 16	Error in membership per last report—reported 188, should be 187.	Same error as in Dec'r term.
Chatham, No. 29,	Error of $300.00 in total receipts column.	No Seal.
Erie, No. 33,	Incorrect in nearly all the summary columns.	Error still carried forward.
Samaritan, No. 35	Error, no names of expelled members.	Error of one in suspension.
St. Mary's, No. 36,	Error in membership—giving decrease in summary and not showing it.	Incorrect recommended to be returned and a proper one sent.
Forest City, No. 38.	Error of 10 in total membership.	Error still carried forward.
Avon, No. 41,	Error of 1 in total membership per last report.	Error still carried forward.
Excelsior, No. 44,	Error in total membership—giving 191 instead of 139.	Error still carried forward.
Mount Zion, No. 46,	Error one in number brought forward per last return, 18 suspended and 10 in arrears, not suspended, being total of the Lodge, still returning 10 in good standing.	Correct.
Otter, No. 40,	Correct.	Error in total membership of two.
Covenant No. 52,	Error in total membership per last return of 5 ; $3.00 too much returned per capita.	Correct.
Collingwood, No. 54,	Error in total membership per last report of one.	Correct.
Fidelity, No 55	Correct.	50c per capita overpaid
Queen City of Ont., No. 56,	Correct.	Report 26 ceased to be members for N.P.D.—names not given—and Rep. names omitted.
Maple Leaf, No. 57,	4 suspended—no names given ; $1 overpaid per capita.	No seal; error of four in total membership; error of two in suspensions ; $3.75 per capita short.

Howard, No. 58,	Overpaid per capita, $1.-25; report 5 members too many.	Names of suspended members omitted; 8 too many members reported Error of five in total membership.
Corinthian, No. 61,	Error in total of this report of one.	
Huron, No. 62,	One member too many; 25c per capita overpaid.	One member too many $4 15percapitatoomuch
Victoria, No. 64,	Total membership per last report omitted.	Correct.
Friendship, No. 65,	Correct.	Overp'd percapita$2.25
Exeter, No. 67,	Error of one in total membership.	Error of one in total membership.
The Toronto, No. 71,	Error of one in total membership per last report.	Overpaid $3.25 per capita.
Eastern Star, No. 72,	Name of Lodge omitted; error in per capita—$1 15 short.	Correct.
Fergus, No. 73.	Correct.	Short 25c. per capita.
Bothwell, No, 74	Error of one in total membership per last report.	Correct.
Oxford, No. 77,	Correct.	Error of per capita—$1.50 too little.
Durham, No. 78,	Overpaid per capita, 50c.	One member too many; per capita 25c too much
Nipissing, No. 79,	Correct.	Error in per capita of 25c. too little.
Amity, No. 80,	No seal; per capita, 25c. too much; no account of dues.	Short $2 per capita.
Belleville, No. 81,	No seal.	Correct.
Beaver, No. 82,	Correct.	Rep. name omitted.
Ivy, No. 90,	Correct.	Error in number of initiations of one.
Aylmer, No. 94,	Error of per capita $17.-74.	Correct.
Grand Union, No. 97,	Error in number admitted by Card– 8·	Correct.
Dosoronto, No. 102,	Error per capita $3	Error in per capita—75c. too little.
Laurel, No. 110,	Correct.	Error in per capita $5.
Gananoque, No 114,	Correct.	No per capita.

Your Committtee would respectfully suggest that D. D. Grand Masters be instructed to more carefully examine the Returns before transmission to the R. W. Grand Secretary, as the careless and unsatisfactory manner in which the Returns are made out, especially among the older Lodges, is very much to be regretted—entailing an extra amount of unnecessary work on the Grand Secretary, besides wasting a large amount of time at the Sessions of this Right Worthy Grand B ody.

We therefore submit the following:

Resolved,—That the foregoing Report be adopted.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES HERON, W. CHATFIELD,
THOS COLBY, Jr., JNO. GRAHAM,
T. H. VANN.

H. McAfee, P. G. M., from the Committee on the State of the Order, presented the following Report, which was considered and adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F. :

The Committee on the State on the Order beg leave to report on the following queries submitted to them. as follows:

On query of W. J. Diamond, of Belleville Lodge, No. 81, viz. ·

Question.– Clause 9 of article 3 of the Constitution empowering a Lodge to add a Chaplain to the list of appointed officers, and our Lodge having done so; and as the Lodge duly elected their late Chaplain, who was a scarlet member, by acclamation, and who was subsequently duly installed in said office of P. S., is the office legally filled by Bro. A. L. Geen, the brother elected?

Yes—under the circumstances stated.

On Query of Rep. John Dewar, of Otter Lodge, No. 50, as follows:

"In the election for Representatives, a brother receiving a majority vote over all the others, is it legal to elect such brother and drop the brother having the lowest number of votes at the same time, while two of the nominees have had no votes at all? and are said brothers who have received no votes at all considered candidates?"

The brother who receives a majority vote over all the other candidates in nomination is elected. In case another Representative is to be elected, all the other remaining candidates are in the field again.

On query of Rep. John S. Clark, of Howard Lodge, No 58, viz.:

"Is a charter member, withdrawing from his Lodge, and joining another Lodge, eligible for election to any elective office in that Lodge?"

The mere fact of a brother being a charter member in one Lodge confers no *special* privileges on him in another Lodge.

We therefore submit the following:

Resolved,—That the foregoing be adopted.

T. HEALEY, HENRY McAFEE,
JAMES WOODYATT, H. C. BINGHAM,
H. E. BUTTERY.

Rep. J. J. Dyas, seconded by Rep. Wilmot Wood, moved the following, which was resolved in the affirmative.

Resolved,—That the Committee on Finance be instructed to consider the propriety of making a donation to Rond Eau Lodge of thirty dollars.

Rep. G. W. Jessop, from the Special Committee on that subject, submitted the following Report, which was adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F. :

Your Special Committee, to whom was referred the motion of Rep. McDonald to inquire into the fact of the membership of Bros. Samuel Wilson and Wright Sudworth, said to have been members of a Lodge of the I. O. O. F., at Woodstock, before the institution of this Grand Lodge, beg respectfully to submit that they have no evidence before them showing any facts in relation to the question, and therefore would recommend that, upon satisfactory evidence being produced, in accordance with the laws of the Order, by said Bros. Wilson and Sudworth, that at the time specified in the motion they were members of some legal Lodge at Woodstock, aforesaid, and that they were members in good standing in said Lodge, that they be granted clearance cards, upon such conditions as the Grand Master may deem advisable in the premises.

Your Committee submit the following:

Resolved,—That the above Report be adopted.

GEO. W. JESSOP,
W. J. DIAMOND.

The following communication from the Grand Encampment of Ontario was read, and, on motion of Rep. G. Wright D. G. M., seconded by Rep. J. B. McIntyre, the petition was granted:

STRATFORD, Aug. 7th, 1878.

To J. B. King, Esq., R. W. Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of Ontario:

DEAR SIR & BRO.,—I am instructed by resolution of the R. W. Grand Encampment of Ontario, to ask your R. W. Grand Body for a continuation of the loan of two hundred ($200) dollars, so kindly lent to the Patriarchal branch of this jurisdiction, for another year. Also to thank the Grand Lodge for their good feeling and consideration in the matter. If our prosperity continue for another year and our finances increase in the same ratio, as during the past year, we will have no difficulty in liquidating all our indebtedness.

Yours, faithfully and fraternally,

M. D. DAWSON,

GRAND SCRIBE AND TREAS.

The following was resolved in the negative, on motion of Rep. J. O. Campbell, seconded by Rep. George Dennis;

Resolved That the Report of the Committee on the Division of the Jurisdiction into Districts, which was read last Session of the Grand Lodge and laid over until this Session be again referred to Committee to report this Session.

Rep. W. F. Forbes, of St. Thomas Lodge, asked leave of absence for the remainder of the Session, which, on motion, was granted.

Rep. Wm. Fitzsimmons, from the Committee on Appeals, submitted the following Report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:

HENRY GIBSON,
vs.
AVON LODGE No. 41,

Your Committee on Appeals have considered the appeal of Bro. P. G, Henry Gibson, Avon Lodge, on the following questions.

1st.—Is a vote of the Lodge *necessary* to receive a proposition of membership?

2nd.—Is a vote necessary to receive the report of the Committee on such proposition before the ballot is taken on the candidate?

Your Committee beg to report that they concur in the decision of the D D. Grand Master and M. W. Grand Master in answering these questions in the negative.

Your Committee therefore submit the following.

Resolved,—That the appeal of Henry Gibson, of Avon Lodge, No. 41. against the decision of D. D. G. M., William Gibson, be dismissed.

WM. FITZIMMONS J. S.GARNER,
M E. SNIDER, H. GRIFFITH,
J. D. MATHESON.

Rep. J. D. Matheson, from the same Committee, submitted the following Report which was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

MATHEW KENNEDY,
vs.
FRIENDSHIP LODGE, No. 65.

Your Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of Matthew Kennedy, *vs.* Friendship Lodge, No. 65, report as follows;

That no notice of appeal was served on Friendship Lodge, nor was the consent to such an appeal granted by said Lodge.

We therefore submit the following resolution :

Resolved,—That the appeal of Mathew Kennedy against Friendship Lodge, No. 65, be dismissed, without prejudice to the rights of the appellant.

WM. FITZSIMMONS, J. S. GARNER,
M. E. SNIDER, H. GRIFFITH,
J. D. MATHESON.

Rep. J. S. Garner, from the same committee presented the following Report, which was considered and adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

JAMES DOUGHERTY,
vs
BISSELL LODGE, No. 51.

Your Committee of appeals to whom was referred the appeal of James Dougherty, against Bissell Lodge No. 51, have carefully considered the voluminous evidence in the case, but can not find among the papers handed to them any Report of the Committee by whom the case of Bro. Dougherty was tried, nor has any such report been received by the Grand Secretary. Your Committee, therefore, recommend that the said appeal be laid over until Bissel Lodge furnish said Report to your Committee, and that the Grand Secretary take such steps as will result in such Report being produced to Grand Lodge.

We therefore submit the following :

Resolved,—That the above Report be adopted.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. FITZSIMMONS. J. S. GARNER,
M. E. SNIDER, H. GRIFFITH,
J. D. MATHESON.

P. G. M's. James Woodyatt, and H. C. Bingham ; J. B. King, Grand Secretary, A. D. Clement, Grand Treasurer, and Rep. Cl. T. Campbell.

The following, moved by Rep. Cl. T. Campbell, seconded by Rep. H. E. Buttery, was resolved in the affirmative, and in accordance therewith the chair named the following as the Committee :

Resolved,—That a Committee be appointed to compile and publish a Book of Laws, Containing Constitution of Grand and Subordinate Lodges, Rules of Order, the Decisions of this Grand Lodge at previous Sessions, and such Blank Forms and Instructions to Subordinate Lodges as they may deem advisable. Such Book of Laws to be sold to Subordinates at cost price, for distribution among its members,

At 12 o'clock, on motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned until 2 o'clock, p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

STRATFORD, August 7, 1873

Pursuant to adjournment the Grand Lodge met and opened in form the Grand Master presiding.

Present. all the Grand Officers and a quorum of Representatives.

The minutes of last session were read and adopted.

The following appeal was read and referred to the Committee on Appeals .

MITCHELL, 7th August, 1873.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

DEAR SIRS AND BROTHERS,—I take the liberty of appealing against the decision of Minto Lodge No. 98, for expelling me from the Order illegally.

The case is, I was expelled for fraud or keeping back Lodge property. When the said Lodge was instituted, I was elected as Secretary, and the Initiation Fees and other moneys were collected by me, the N. G., and R. S.; when the Treasurer was elected, I paid over what funds I had, excepting four dollars, which I retained until I could get a settlement from the others, and refunded all funds excepting Ancient Odd Fellows' Fees.

When the Returns were made up for last January, there appeared a deficiency of $20, which the Lodge accused me of having; they then served me with a notice asking me to help find out the difficulty; I went, and could not find out the difficulty at that time, but went down again with the N. G., and made out a statement showing where the money was, and showing that I only owed them four dollars, which I offered to pay at any time they would take it.

The N. G., read my statement to the Lodge and they served me with a notice to appear on the 21st day of April last past, at the regular Lodge meeting, to answer a charge of fraudulently and illegally keeping Lodge funds. I went, and was asked what I had to say, I told them I had not the money, and asked for a trial, so that I might have witnesses examined and try and prove my innocence, which they refused: I then was ordered to retire; a ballot taken, and I was informed that I was expelled. I afterwards notified them that I should appeal to the Grand Lodge against their decision, and asked them for a copy of the minutes with reference to the case, which was refused I afterwards came to live in Mitchell. The members of that Lodge have told gentlemen from this place, who did not belong to the Order, that I was a scoundrel, and cheated them out of money, &c. All I now ask is fair play and justice, and that you will examine my case and let me know the result as soon as possible.

I remain yours, in F. L. and T.,

WM. BARLEY.

The following, moved by J. S. McMahon, seconded by Robert Griffiths, was resolved in the affirmative.

Resolved,—That a Committee be appointed to draw up a new form, or revise the present printed form of the Semi-annual Return Sheet, in order that it may be better understood, more simple in form, and so arranged that it can be more correctly filled up by the Subordinate Lodges.

The following, moved by Rep. A. W. Featherstone, seconded by Rep. John Campbell, was resolved in the affirmative.

Resolved,—That the vote adopting the Report of the Committee on Appeals, in the matter of James Dougherty, *vs.* Bissel Lodge No. 51, be reconsidered, and that the Report be again referred to the Committee for further consideration; and further, that the papers submitted with the case be returned to Bro. A. W. Featherstone, when the Committee have done with them.

The following was resolved in the affirmative, and in accordance therewith the names were read.

Moved by Rep. R. Box, seconded by Rep. John O. Campbell:

Resolved,—That the Grand Secretary read the names of all Lodges in arrears to this Grand Lodge, that this R. W, Grand Lodge may be fully certified that all Representatives have a right to vote at this Session.

Rep. J. O. Campbell, from the Committee on Printing, presented the following Report, which was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Printing beg leave to submit the following Report:

Resolved—That the Report of the several Grand Officers and proceedings of the Grand Lodge be printed in full in the Journal of Proceedings of the Session of the Grand Lodge of 1873, and that the R. W. Grand Secretary be instructed to have 800 copies of the same printed for distribution in this and sister jurisdictions. And your Committee would further recommend that the Grand Secretary examine carefully the proof sheets previous to publication, in order to prevent errors.

2nd.—That your Committee feel that the R. W. G Secy., Bro. J. B. King has succeeded in getting the Printing done at a very reasonable rate, and has evidently had an eye to the interest of the Order, and this R. W. Grand Lodge.

3rd—Your Committee would further recommend that the R W. Grand Secretary do receive tenders for the requisite printing from the printing establishments of Toronto, Hamilton and London, at least, in addition to any other he may deem proper.

We therefore submit the following:—

Resolved, That the above Report be adopted.

Respectfully submitted.

JNO. O. CAMPBELL, JOHN COULSON,
G. W. PONTINE, JNO. GRAHAM
J. B. KING.

Rep. W. Fitzsimmons, from the Committee on Appeals, presented the following Report, which was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

JOHN MCMATH,
vs
ERIE LODGE, No. 33.

Your Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the above case, beg to report as follows:

1st. That Bro. McMath was, on or about the month of September, expelled for violating his obligation by appropriating to his own use certain funds of said Lodge.

2nd. That Bro. McMath admits having appropriated the sum of ten dollars, but asserts that he was under the impression that it was not a Lodge transaction, and he subsequently tendered the amount to the said Lodge, which was refused.

3rd. That Bro. McMath is still willing to make restitution of the amount wrongfully retained as aforesaid.

4th. That it appears to your Committee, from the evidence laid before it, and to which this Grand Lodge is respectfully referred, that Erie Lodge and certain of the members thereof have been guilty of gross irregularities in lending the Lodge funds to members thereof, and in afterwards destroying the notes held in security of said loans, which have never yet been repaid.

5th. That the evidence taken at the trial of Bro. McMath, and produced before your Committee, does not, in their opinion, justify such a grave punishment as expulsion.

Your Committee would therefore respectfully recommend that an investigation into the affairs of Erie Lodge, above mentioned, and of the said charge against Bro. McMath be had, either by the M. W. Grand Master or by some member of this Grand Lodge, outside of the jurisdiction of Erie Lodge, with full power to send for persons and papers, and that the M. W. Grand Master or the brother so appointed be required to report to this Grand Lodge at its next annual communication.

We therefore submit the following :

Resolved,—That the above Report be adopted.

Yours in F. L. & T.,

WM. FITZSIMMONS, J. S. GARNER,
M. E. SNIDER, H. GRIFFITH,
J. D. MATHESON.

Rep. M. E. Snider, from the same Committee, presented the following Report which was considered and adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

J. J. DYAS, P. G.,
vs.
IVY LODGE, No. 90.

Your Committee on Appeals to whom was referred the grievance of D. D. G M., Dyas against Ivy Lodge, No.90, beg most respectfully to report as follows :

That Ivy Lodge initiated a candidate, who had been reported on the same night on which he had been proposed, in direct disobedience to the instructions of D. D. G. M., Dyas, and in wilful violation of Art. 2. Clause 3, Constitution of Subordinate Lodges.

That the then N. G. of Ivy Lodge, Representative Dauncey, has in our presence made an ample apology to Bro. Dyas, with which the latter is satisfied.

Your Committee therefore recommend that the said matter be dismissed, with a caution to Ivy Lodge.

We therefore submit the following :

Resolved, That the above report be adopted.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. FITZSIMMONS, J. S. GARNER,
M. E. SNIDER, H. GRIFFITH,
J. D. MATHESON.

H. C. Bingham, P. G. M., from the Special Committee on that subject, presented the following Majority Report ;

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

The Special Committee, to whom was referred the question of inviting the Grand Lodge of the United States to hold their Session for 1874 in Ontario, submit the following :

While we hold in high esteem the Grand Lodge of the United States, and while we believe nothing would give the members of our Order in Ontario greater pleasure than to make the personal acquaintance of the members of that distinguished Body, and to entertain them here, we feel satisfied (the majority of our

Lodges being new ones) that their resources and energies are at present fully taxed in the necessary expenses of their respective Lodges in furnishing their Rooms and building Halls of their own.

Believing this, and that such an entertainment as is proposed in order to do justice to those who would become our guests and credit to our country and our Order therein, would involve an expense which can at present be illy borne.

We therefore submit the following :—

Resolved—That the proposal to extend the invitation referred to in clause 10 of the Grand Master's Report, be not at present entertained.

Signed by the majority of the Committee.

H. C. BINGHAM,
Cl. T. CAMPBELL,
N. HUGO.

The question being on the adoption of the report and resolution accompanying, it was moved and seconded,

Resolved - That the Report lie on the table until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock —which was agreed to.

Rep. John Richmond, from the same Committee, submitted a Minority Report, which, was, on motion, laid on the table until to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock, to be considered with the Majority Report on the same subject ;

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario I. O. O. F. :

Your Committee to whom was referred Clause 10, in the Grand Master's Report, would respectfully submit the following Minority Report :

Resolved—That the suggestion contained in said Clause be approved of by this R. W. Grand Lodge, and that our Representatives to the Grand Lodge, U. S. be instructed to invite that R. W. Grand Body to hold its Session of 1874, in the Province of Ontario, at the City of ——— .

JOHN RICHMOND.

Rep. W. Mowatt, from the committee on Finance, presented the following Report, which was considered *seriatim*, and adopted .

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario I. O. O. F.

The Finance Committee beg respectfully to submit the following Report :

1st. That in reference to Clause 13, Grand Secretary's Report, the Committee recommend that Clause 9, Art. 5, of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, be strictly enforced hereafter, and that the Grand Secretary so advise the several subordinate Lodges in the jurisdiction.

2nd. The Committee are at a loss to discover the object to be served by having Clause 15 of the R. W. Grand Secretary's Report, referred to them.

3rd. The Committee have great pleasure in recommending that this R. W. Grand Lodge make a grant of three hundred dollars to the M. W. Grand Master, John Murray, to reimburse him to some extent for the sacrifice made by him for his services last year.

4th. The Committee recommend that the sum of thirty dollars be granted to Rond Eau Lodge No. 40.

5th. The Committee having examined the books of the R. W. Grand Secretary and the R. W. Grand Treasurer of this Grand Lodge, find that the cash balance at the commencement of the year was $3,783.07, and the cash receipts of the year were $5,031 65 making a total of $8,814.72. The cash payments during the year were $4,960.39 ; leaving a balance of $3,854.33.

6th. The Committee regret to say that the accounts of this R. W. G. Lodge are not kept in such a way that your Committee can audit the same. They find many payments made for which no proper voucher has been produced to your

committee. The cash accounts of the officers in question seem to be a transcript of each other—each showing the same cash balance in hand. The Treasurer keeps the cash in the Bank mixed with his own private funds, instead of a separate account, and with a separate Bank book, and although large balances are in hand from time to time, no investments, temporary or otherwise, have been made of such funds. Moreover, the accounts of neither officer have been balanced during the year.

7th. The Supplies account is likewise unsatisfactory, inasmuch as there is no separate account kept by the Secretary, shewing the cash paid for such supplies or realized from the various sales thereof.

8th. The Committee have come to the conclusion that the accounts of this R. W. Grand Lodge should hereafter be audited by two Auditors, prior to the meeting of this R. W. Grand Lodge, and that they be paid therefor.

9th. The Committee are surprised to find that no tenders were asked for the Printing of this R. W. Grand Lodge during the year, and recommend that hereafter all work be done by tender.

10th. The Committee recommend that the Treasurer execute a new bond, with two sureties, for the gross sum of Six Thousand Dollars—himself in two thousand, and a similar amount for each surety.

11th. The Committee likewise recommend that the R. W. Grand Secretary execute a bond for the gross sum of three thousand Dollars—himself in one thousand, and a like amount for each surety.

12th. The Committee recommend that in view of the increase of the work of this R. W. Grand Lodge, that the salary of the R. W. Grand Secretary be fixed at $500 for the current year.

13th.—The Committee recommend that the R. W. Grand Treasurer be paid a salary of $100 for the current year

14th. The Committee recommend that the funds of this R. W. Grand Lodge be deposited in such of the chartered banks of this Province as will allow the highest rate of interest.

15th. In consideration of the services of Bros. Robert Mathison and Thomas Woodyatt, the Committee recommend that they be paid their mileage and per diem, during the present sittings of this R. W. Grand Lodge.

16th. The Committee hereafter recommend that the R. W. Grand Secretary keep the accounts of this R. W Grand Lodge, according to the system known as Double Entry, and that he pay over to the R. W. Grand Treasurer all the funds that come into his hands, once a month, and all accounts to be paid by order on the R. W. Grand Treasurer.

Therefore be it

Resolved,—That the foregoing Report be adopted.

W. MOWATT, H. GRIFFITH,
H. BLAIN, W. D. GORDON.
G. W. JESSOP, W. J. DIAMOND,
E. R. ROBINSON, F. H. POPE.

Rep. J. Henry from the Committee on Credentials, presented the following report, which was considered and adopted;

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Credentials beg leave to report that they have examined the Certificates of Wm. C Bell, P. G., of Samaritan Lodge, No 35; Hugh Kerr. P. G. of same Lodge, and Thomas Werroll, P. G., of Avon Lodge, No. 41, and find them correct, and would recommend that they be admitted and instructed in the G. L Degree.

Resolved,—That the above Report be adopted.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. HENRY, J. RITCHIE, Jr.,
J. B. LAING, T. SIMONS,
J. B. KING.

The following, moved by Rep. P. B. Hatch, seconded by Rep. E. Beltz, was resolved in the affirmative :

Resolved,—That the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem be instructed to compute the mileage of Officers and Representatives attending the present Session at four (4) cents per mile, and per diem (2) two dollars.

Rep. J. B. Laing, from the Committee on Credentials, presented the following Report, which was considered and adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F. :

Your Committee on Credentials beg leave to submit the following Report :

That they have examined the Certificates of P. G., Wm. Box, of St. Mary's Lodge, No. 36, and also P. G., Harry Hearn, of Samaritan Lodge, No. 35, and would recommend that they be admitted into this R. W. Grand Lodge.

Resolved,—That the above report be adopted.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. RITCHIE, JR.,
J. HENRY,
J. B. LAING,
T. SIMONS.

The following, moved by Rep. J. B. McIntyre, seconded by Rep. J J. Dyas, was referred to the Committee on Finance :

Resolved—That the services of J. Gibson, P. G. M., rendered during his term of office, be recognized by this R. W. Grand Lodge, and that the same be referred to the Finance Committee.

The hour of 4 o'clock having arrived, which being fixed by the Constitution for the election of officers, the Chair declared that order of business open, and asked for nominations for M. W. Grand Master when the following were made :

M. W. GRAND MASTER.

P. G.,	H. Blain,	nominated	D. G. M.,	Geo. Wright.
"	E. Beltz,	"	P. G.,	T. Healey.
P. G. M.,	W. N. Ford,	"	"	W. Fitzsimmons.
P. G.,	J. F. McDonald,	"	"	Henry Robertson.
"	Henry Gibson,	"	"	Wm. Mowatt.
"	J. B. McIntyre,	"	"	Thos. Woodyatt.
"	George Dennis,	"	"	J. F. McDonald.

P. G.'s, T. Healey, W. Fitzsimmons, Thomas Woodyatt and J. F McDonald, declined.

The nominations having been closed, the chair appointed Reps. W J. Diamond and John Gibson, P. G. M., as tellers.

G. Wright, P. D. G. M., elected on first ballot.

Nominations were then called for Deputy Grand Master and were made as follows :

R. W. DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

P. G.,	J. O. Campbell,	nominated	P. G.,	R. Warriner,
"	C. E. Peirce,	"	"	R. Evans.
"	W. Chatfield,	"	"	Harper Wilson,

P. G.,	J. W. Fletcher,	nominated	P. G.,	H. E. Buttery,
"	R. Mathison,	"	"	J. J. Dyas,
"	W. D. Gordon,	"	"	W. J. Diamond.
"	Alex. Hunter,	"	"	J. B. McIntyre,
"	J. Kerr,	"	"	T. Simons.
"	W. H. Cole,	"	"	W. Fitzsimmons.
"	Isaac Smith,	"	"	John P. Young.
"	George Midgely,	"	"	Henry Griffith.
"	Henry Gibson,	"	"	Wm. Mowatt.

P. G.'s, Buttery, Diamond, McIntyre, Simons and Young declined.

Grand Warden R. Warriner, elected on 4th ballot.

The Grand Lodge now proceeded to the election of

R. W. GRAND WARDEN.

When the following nominations were made :

P. G.,	W. S. Campbell,	nominated	P. G.,	Harper Wilson.
"	R. Griffith,	"	"	Geo. Midgley.
"	A. Dundass,	"	"	J. Kerr.
"	R. Gott,	"	"	T. H. Vann.
"	J. G. Coleman,	"	"	J. F. Morey.
"	John Richmond,	"	"	R. Evans.
"	J. Turner,	"	"	J. P. Young.
"	Alex. Hunter,	"	"	J. T. Hornibrook.
"	A. Featherstone,	"	"	J. O. Campbell.
"	George Shaw,	"	"	H. E. Buttery.
"	John Graham,	"	"	W. D. Gordon.
"	A. Hunter,	"	"	H. W. Murdock.
"	W. N. Ford,	"	"	J. S. Garner,
"	E. Beltz,	"	"	M. E. Snider.
"	J. F. McDonald,	"	"	T. Simons,
"	J. J. Dyas,	"	"	H. McColl.
"	N. Hugo,	"	"	J. Newton.

P. G.'s, Midgely, Hornibrook, Campbell, Murdock, Snider and Newton declined.

P. G., H. E. Buttery elected on 5th ballot.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to the election of Grand Secretary.

When the following nomination was made :

Rep H. Blain nominated P. G. Secretary, J. B. King.

There being no further nomination, the chair announced J. B. King, P. G. Secretary, elected by acclamation.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to the election of Grand Treasurer, when the following nomination was made :

P. G., J. J. Dyas, nominated P. G. Treasurer, A. D. Clement.

There being no further nomination, the Chair announced P. G. Treasurer, A. D. Clement, elected by acclamation.

The Grand Lodge now proceeded to the election of Representative

to the Grand Lodge of the United States, when the following nominations were made :

REPRESENTATIVE TO THE GRAND LODGE OF THE UNITED STATES.

P. G.,	Jno. Lawrence,	nominated	P. G. R., Jas. Woodyatt.
"	E. G. Chant,	"	P. G. M., Jno. Murray.
"	R. Mathison,	"	P. G. M., W. N. Ford.
"	E. Beltz,	"	P. G. M., H. McAfee.
"	P. G. M., H. McAfee,	"	P. G. M., T. Partridge.

P. G. Masters H. McAfee and Thos. Partridge declined; P. G. Rep., James Woodyatt re-elected on first ballot.

The following resolution, by Rep. J. Campbell was agreed to :

Resolved—That leave of absence for the remainder of the Session be granted to Reps. Jno. Campbell, and J. Carter of Fidelity Lodge, No. 55 ; C. E. Peirce, of Excelsior Lodge No. 44 ; Geo. Wheeler, of Nipissing Lodge, No. 79 ; Richard Mackay and J. B. Laing, of Victoria Lodge, No .64.

The following was resolved in the negative :

Resolved—That Reps. Alex. Mackay and Jno. Richmond, be granted leave of absence for the remainder of the Session.

The following was resolved in the negative :

Resolved—That leave of absence be granted to Reps. T. H. Vann, J.P. Prower and R. Gott, business requiring their attention at home.

On motion of Rep. J. A. Campbell, the former vote, refusing to grant leave of absence to Representatives, was reconsidered.

Upon reconsideration—the question being upon the adoption of the first resolution—it was adopted.

The question then being for the adoption of the second resolution it was agreed to.

Rep. E. G. Chant moved the following :

Resolved—That this Grand Lodge adjourn to meet at eight o'clock this p. m., in secret session, for exemplification of the secret work.

Moved in amendment.

That "eight o'clock, this p. m.," be stricken out and "nine o'clock a. m., to-morrow" inserted.

The question being upon the adoption of the amendment, it was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on the motion of Rep. E. G. Chant, it was agreed to.

EVENING SESSION.

The R. W. Grand Lodge re-assembled at eight o'clock pursuant to adjournment.

Present—The Grand Officers and a quorum of Representatives.

The Grand Conductor and Grand Marshall having examined all present, reported them duly qualified; whereupon by order the Deputy

Grand Master declared the Grand Lodge duly open for the transaction of business.

On motion the reading of the minutes was left over till to-morrow morning.

After some time was spent in secret session—during which the work was fully exemplified by the Grand Representatives—the Grand Lodge resumed its ordinary business, when, at 10 o'clock p. m., the Grand Lodge adjourned to meet at nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

THIRD DAY.

MORNING SESSION.

STRATFORD, August 8, 1873

The Grand Lodge met at 9 o'clock a. m., the M. W. Grand Master John Murray, in the chair.

On the roll being called, the following officers were present :

JOHN MURRAY	*M. W. Grand Master.*
GEORGE WRIGHT	*R. W. Deputy Grand Master.*
R WARRINER	" " *Grand Warden.*
J. B. KING	" " *Grand Secretary.*
A. D. CLEMENT	" " *Grand Treasurer.*
JAMES WOODYATT	" " *Grand Representative.*
JOHN GIBSON	" " " "
HARPER WILSON	" " *Grand Marshal.*
JAMES F. MOREY	" " *Grand Conductor.*
GEORGE MIDGELY	" " *Grand Guardian.*
WM. FITZSIMMONS	" " *Grand Chaplain pro tem*

And a quorum of Representatives.

Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Marshal and Grand Conductor, by order of the M. W. Grand Master, examined all present and declared them duly qualified ; whereupon, by direction of the chair, the Deputy Grand Master declared the Grand Lodge open for the transaction of business.

The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

The following moved by Rep. Cl. T. Campbell, seconded by Rep. R. Griffith, was resolved in the affirmative :

Resolved,—That the Committee on Mileage be instructed to calculate the mileage of Representatives on the basis of the nearest Railway route.

The consideration of the reports of the Special Committee on the subject of clause 10 of the Grand Master's Address, referring to inviting the Grand Lodge of the United States to hold its session of 1874 in Ontario—being the special order for this hour—the question being on the adoption of the report and resolution, it was moved by Rep. M. E. Snider, seconded by Rep. E. G. Chant, in amendment, as follows :

Resolved,—That all after the word "that" in the resolution of the majority report be stricken out and the following inserted. "That our Representatives to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States be instructed to invite that Grand Body to hold its session of 1874 in Ontario."

On motion Rep. Jno. Richmond was allowed to withdraw the minority report of the Committee.

The question being on the adoption of the amendment of Rep. M. E. Snider.

Rep. W. F. Roome moved, seconded by Rep. R. Gibb, to amend the amendment as follows :

Resolved,—That the Report be referred back to the Committee to further consider the question, to estimate the cost. and how the money should be raised so that this Grand Lodge may be able to vote intelligently on the question.

The question now being on the adoption of the amendment of Rep. W. F. Roome. it was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on the adoption of the amendment of M. E. Snider, it was not agreed to.

The question then recurring upon the adoption of the Majority Report of the Committee, it was adopted.

Reps. John Lawrence and Wm. Bissell, P. G. M., on motion were granted leave of absence for the remainder of the Session.

H. C. Bingham, P. G. M., from the Committee on Laws of Subordinates, presented the following Report, which was considered *seriatim* as read :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F. :

The above Committee, in accordance with the instructions accompanying the appointment of the same, submit for approval the following :

Several amendments to the Constitution for Subordinates having been adopted at the last Session of this Grand Lodge, in Windsor, your Committee deemed it advisable to call attention to *the fact* that but *few* of the *Lodges have made the alterations ordered*, but continue to use and distribute their Constitutions as though they had never been amended. This leads to confusion and inconvenience in many ways, but more especially to new Lodges, which are continually copying the Constitutions and By-Laws of older Lodges, supposing them to be correct, when in may important particulars they are wrong.

In *many cases* we find that *alterations ordered* by this Grand Lodge *one and two years since*, in the matter of By-Laws, have *not yet been made*. Whether this state of affairs is the result of carelessness on the part of those who should attend to it, or of indifference and contempt of the authority of this Grand Lodge, it is not for us to say, but it does appear useless for this Committee to report the same errors in the same cases year after year ; indeed, it is worse than useless, because time thus spent would be better spent in the more careful revision of the Laws of new Lodges which are sent here for the first time for approval and correction.

On account of the length of our report, we have embodied our views in as few words as possible, consistent with making ourselves understood.

BROCK LODGE, No. 9.

h. Five constitutional amendments of last year omitted.

By-law, Article 5, Clause 2, page 20, after "committees," in nineteenth line, insert the words "originally filled by his appointment."

Article 7, Clause 4, strike out 'term" and insert "quarter."

b. Article 12, strike out Clause 3.

b. Article 18, Clause 2, after "him," in second line, insert "pertaining to his right to benefits."

c. Article 15, Clause 4, after "effect," in fifth line, insert "and the consent of the Grand Lodge thereto, except in case of suspension for non-payment of dues."

g. Copies not certified as required.

Union Lodge, No. 16.

h Five constitutional amendments of last year omitted.

By-laws, Article 3, Section 4, sixteenth line, after "committee," insert "originally filled by his appointment"

Article 3, Section 14, second line, strike out "quarter," and insert "term."

d. Article 6, Section 2, first line, strike out "$4," and insert "$3.60."

a. Article 6, Section 7, third line, strike out "$40," and insert "$30"

a. Article 6, Section 8, second line strike out "$40," and insert "$30."

Amendment to Article 7, Section 6, as numbered, should be inserted after the word "him," in first line, instead of at the end of the section.

Article 6, Clause 2, strike out last sentence referring to weeks' sickness.

Amendments to Article 7, Section 15, should be inserted after the word "effect" in the fourth line, instead of at the end of the section.

Chatham Lodge, No. 29.

Constitutional amendments and amendments to by-laws have been made and inserted on fly-leaf, instead of in their proper places.

By-law 27, after "committee," in twenty-third line, insert "originally filled by his appointment."

By-law 51, in fourteenth line, after "commencing," insert "not more than ;" and after "week," in same line, insert "anterior to."

Eureka Lodge, No. 30

h. Five constitutional amendments ordered last year omitted.

f. By-law 4, strike out all after the word "ceremony," in the fourth line.

Page 19, after the word "committees," in the seventh line insert "originally filled by his appointment."

b. By-law 61, after the word "him," in second line, insert "pertaining to his right to benefits." And strike out the words "when such charges relate to his being" and insert "shall be"

c. By-law 75, after the word "effect," in the fifth line, insert "and the consent of the Grand Lodge thereto, except in case of suspension for non-payment of dues."

a. By-law 53, strike out all after the word "widowhood," in the fifth line, to the word "should," in the seventh.

g. Copies not certified as required.

Erie Lodge, No. 33.

h. Five constitutional amendments of last year omitted.

By-law 34, page 28, after "committee" in ninth line, insert "originally filled by his appointment"

a. By-law 59, after the word "determine," in fifth line, insert the words "not exceeding $30 per annum."

b. By-law 70, after "him," in second line, insert "pertaining to his right to benefits."

c. By-law 80, after "effect," in fifth line, insert "and the consent of the Grand Lodge thereto, except in case of suspension for non-payment of dues."

Rules of Order not arranged as prescribed by the Grand Lodge.

g. Copies not certified as required.

By-law 56, in sixth line, strike out "two" and insert "one."

Gore Lodge, No. 34.

Constitutional amendments properly inserted.

f. By-law, 4, strike out all after the second word, "ceremony."

By-law 58, strike out.

b. By-law 59, after "charges," in second line, insert "pertaining to his right to benefits."

c. By-law 73, after "effect," in fifth line, insert "and the consent of the Grand Lodge thereto, except in case of suspension for non-payment of dues."

Form of appeal appended inappropriate.

g. Copies not certified as required.

Samaritan Lodge, No. 35.

h. Five constitutional amendments of last year omitted.

By-law 19, page 25, eleventh line, after "committees," insert "originally filled by his appointment."

By-laws 49 and 84, not amended as ordered last year.

g. Copies not certified as required.

St. Marys Lodge, No. 36.

h. Five constitutional amendments of last year omitted.

g. Copies not certified as required.

f. By-law 4, strike out all after "ceremony," in third line.

By-law 12, after "on," in fourth line, strike out "the."

By-law 15, after "committees," in seventeenth line, strike out the words "or in," and insert "and."

c. By-law 62, after "effect," in fourth line, insert "and the consent of the Grand Lodge thereto, except in case of suspension for non payment of dues."

By law 15, strike out.

Forest City, No. 38.

Constitutional amendments are properly inserted.

Amendments to By-laws, as ordered last year, have been made, but instead of inserting them in their proper places, they are pasted upon inside of cover.

By-law 24, after "committees," top of twenty-second page, insert "originally filled by his appointment."

Amendments to By-laws 45 and 47, raising Admittance Fees, we approve.

g. Two copies not certified as required.

Rondeau Lodge, No. 40.

By-law 27, in twenty-third line, after "committee," insert originally filled by his appointment."

Four errata inserted on fly-leaf instead of being printed on slips and pasted in proper places.

g. Laws, &c., not certified by signatures of officers.

Avon Lodge, No. 41.

No Constitution submitted.

Two copies of By-laws, in manuscript.

By-law 9, after "committees," in fourth line, insert "originally filled by his appointment."

By-law 38, strike out all after "week," in ninth line.

Excelsior Lodge, No. 44.

h Five constitutional amendments of last year omitted.

By-law 9, page 23, after "committee," in twenty-first line, insert "originally filled by his appointment."

a. By-laws 42 and 43, strike out "$40" and insert "$30," in each case.

b. By-law 53, after "him," in second line, insert "pertaining to his right to benefits."

c. By-law 59, after "effect," in fifth line, insert "and the consent of the Grand Lodge thereto, except in case of suspension for non-payment of dues."

Rule of Order 23, strike out "Canada West" and insert "Ontario."

Form of appeal appended not appropriate.

g. Copies not certified as required.

Unity Lodge, No. 47.

h. Five constitutional amendments of last year omitted.

By-law 8, 24th page, after "committee." in twenty-first line, insert "originally filled by his appointment."

a. By-law 54, fourth line, strike out "$40" and insert "$35."

c. By-law 60, after "effect," in 5th line, insert "and the consent of the Grand Lodge thereto, except in case of suspension for non-payment of dues."

g. Copies not certified as required.

By-law 29, strike out "term" and insert "quarter."

Amendments offered to By-law 40, raising weekly benefits, and By-law 28, as to time of dues being payable, we approve.

Dominion Lodge, No. 48.

Constitutional amendments all properly inserted.

Amendment to By-law 32, raising Admission Fees, we approve.

By-law 12, eleventh line, after "committee," insert, "originally filled by his appointment."

Otter Lodge, No. 50.

No Constitution sent us.

By-laws in manuscript, only one copy.

g. By-law 12, page 3, third line, after "committees," insert "originally filled by his appointment."

By-law 35, strike out "term," and insert "quarter."

Bissell Lodge, No. 51.

h. Clauses 8 and 9, of Article 2 of Constitution, and Clause 5 of Article 6, not amended as ordered by Grand Lodge last year.

By-law 9, after "committee," in twenty-third line, insert " originally filled by his appointment."

Amendments to By-laws 42 and 61 not made as ordered last year.

One copy of amendment, so called, not numbered, referring to notices required in case of sickness, is before us, which we approve.

Covenant Lodge, No. 52.

h. Five constitutional amendments of last year omitted.

By-law 9, after the word "committees," in twenty-third line, insert "originally filled by his appointment."

a. By-law 47, strike out "$40," and insert "$30."

c. By-law 62, after "effect" in the fifth line, insert "and the consent of the Grand Lodge thereto, except in case of suspension for non-payment of dues."

Several amendments to the By-laws of this Lodge are submitted, part in ink and part in pencil, to which we can find no objection, except that they are presented at the last moment and in an informal and almost illegible shape. Two printed copies of By-laws certified by seal only. Manuscript in ink has no seal, and is signed "Q. U. E. D." The amendments in pencil are neither signed nor sealed.

Form of appeal not appropriate.

Niagara Falls Lodge, No. 53.

h. Five constitutional amendments of last year omitted.

b. By-law 60, after the word "charges," in first line, insert the words "pertaining to his right to benefits."

g. Both copies sealed; only one certified to by signatures.

a. By-law 54, strike out.

Collingwood, No. 54.

h. Five *Constitutional* amendments of last year omitted.

By-law 51 not yet amended as ordered last year. *g.* Laws, &c., not certified as required.

Queen City of Ontario, No. 56.

h. Five Constitutional amendments of last year not inserted.

By-law 9, page 21, twenty-third line, after "Committees," insert "originally filled by his appointment."

Several amendments are submitted in writing to By-law No. 40, in relation to investments, which we approved—manuscript properly certified by seal and signature.

a. By-law 47, strike out "$40," and insert "$30."

c. By-law 62, after "effect" in fifth line, insert "and the consent of the Grand Lodge thereto, except in cases of suspension for non-payment of dues."

g. Printed copies of Laws submitted not certified to by signatures. Form of Appeal annexed not appropriate.

Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 57.

h. Five constitutional amendments of last year omitted.

By-law 9, after "committees," in twenty-second line, insert " originally filled by his appointment."

a. By-law 46, strike out "$40" and insert "$30."

e. By-law 61, after "effect," in fifth line, insert " and the consent of the Grand Lodge thereto, except in cases of suspension for non-payment of dues."

Form of appeal appended not appropriate.

Howard Lodge, No. 58.

Lately burned out.

No Constitution submitted.

g. Only one copy of By-laws; principally in manuscript.

By-law 50, strike out last three lines.

a. By-law 57, strike out.

c. By-law 81, after "effect" in fourth line, insert "and the consent of the Grand Lodge thereto, except in case of suspension for non-payment of dues."

g. Not properly certified by officers.

Kingston Lodge, No. 59.

h. Constitutional amendments to article 2, Clause 8, and to Article 6, Clause 5, as ordered last year, are not correctly copied and inserted.

Article 1, By-law 11, after the word "by," in second line, insert the words "more than."

Article 4, Clause 2, page 24, after the word "committees," in fourth line, insert the words "originally filled by his appointment."

Page 36, Clause 8, strike out all after and including the figure "6," in the eleventh line.

Article 7, Clause 3, strike out "term" and insert "quarter."

c Page 41, Clause 4th, after "effect," fifth line, insert "and the consent of the Grand Lodge thereto, except in case of suspension for non-payment of dues.'

Wardsville No. 60.

h. Five constitutional amendments of last year omitted.

By-law 24, 22nd page, first line, after "Committee," insert "originally filled by his appointment."

By-law 79, not stricken out, and By-law 82 not amended as ordered last year.

c. By-law 95, after "effect" in first line, insert "and the consent of the Grand Lodge thereto, except in case of suspension for non-payment of dues."

g. By-laws not certified by officers' signatures.

Corinthian Lodge, No. 61.

h. Five constitutional amendments of last year omitted.

By-law 9, page 21, after "committees," in twenty-third line, insert "originally filled by his appointment."

Amendments ordered to By-laws 58 and 64 made, but inserted on fly-leaf.

g. Copies not certified as required.

Huron Lodge, No. 62.

h. Five constitutional amendments of last year omitted.

By-law 8, page 30, nineteenth line, after "Committee," insert "originally filled by his appointment."

Amendments ordered last year to By-law 61, only inserted in one copy of Laws submitted.

Victoria Lodge, No. 64.

h. Five constitutional amendments ordered last year omitted.

By-law 6, page 23, 4th line after the word "committees," insert the words "originally filled by his appointment."

b. By-law 43, after "him," in second line, insert the words "pertaining to his right to benefits." This correction was ordered to years since.

c. By-law 49, page 36, after the word "preceding," in second line, insert the words "and the consent of the Grand Lodge thereto, except in case of suspension for non-payment of dues."

Friendship Lodge, No. 65.

h. Five constitutional amendments of last year omitted.

By-law 14, after "committees," in eleventh line, insert "originally filled by his appointment."

a. By-law 54, strike out "$40" and insert "$30."

f. By-law 63, strike out all after the word "initiation.,'

A new By-law, 92, electing physician, we approve.

g. Copies not p. operly certified.

Florence Nightingale Lodge, No. 66.

h. Five constitutional amendments of last year omitted.

By-laws Article 3. clause 3, paragraph 4, after "committee," in sixth line, insert, "originally filled by his appointment."

b. Article 7, clause 5, after "him," in second line, insert "pertaining to his right to benefits."

c. Article 7, clause 13, page 46, after "effect," in third line, insert "and the consent of the Grand Lodge thereto, except in case of suspension for non-payment of dues."

g: Not certified as required.

Exeter Lodge, No. 67.

h. Five constitutional amendments of last year omitted.

By-laws 4, 9 and 62 not amended as ordered last year. (*g.*) Copies not certified by officers.

Form of appeal appended not appropriate.

b. By-law 45, strike out.

North Star Lodge, No. 68.

h. Five constitutional amendments of last year omitted.

By-law 4, after "committee," in twentieth line, insert "originally filled by his appointment."

b. By-law 51, after "him," in second line, insert "portaining to his right to benefits."

c. By-law 60, after "effect," in fourth line, insert "and the consent of the Grand Lodge thereto, except in case of suspension for non payment of dues."

Hope Lodge No. 69.

h. Five constitutional amendments of last year omitted.

By-law 10, page 21, after "committee," in twenty-third line, insert "originally filled by his appointment."

The form of appeal appended not appropriate.

g. Copies submitted not certified as required.

Lucan Lodge, No. 70.

h. Five constitutional amendments of last year omitted.

By-law 46, strike out.

c By-law 62, after "effect," in fourth line, insert "and the consent of the Grand Lodge thereto, except in case of suspension for non-payment of dues."

The Toronto Lodge, No. 71.

h. Five constitutional amendments of last year omitted.

By-law 9, in twenty-third line, after "committees," insert "originally filled by his appointment."

a. By-law 46, strike out "$40" and insert "$33."

c. By-law 61, after "effect," in fifth line, insert "and the consent of the Grand Lodge thereto, except in case of suspension for non-payment of dues."

Form of appeal not appropriate.

Amendments to By-law 30, increasing dues from $1.50 to $1.65; a new By-law, No. 64, in relation to a dispensing chemist and changing numbers of By-laws (old numbers "64" and "65") to "65" and "66" respectively, we approve.

These amendments are in pencil.

g. Only one of amendments, and the two copies of By-laws are not certified as required.

Eastern Star Lodge, No. 72.

h. Five constitutional amendments of last year omitted.

Constitution, Article 3, Clause 7, after the word "be," in second line, insert the words "in nomination such brother shall be."

By-law 9, page 23, after "committees," in thirteenth line, insert "originally filled by his appointment."

By-law 30, strike out "term" and insert "quarter."

b. By-law 55, after "him," in second line, insert, "pertaining to his right to benefits."

c. By-law 62, after "effect," in fifth line, insert "and the consent of the Grand Lodge thereto, except in case of suspension for non payment of dues."

g. Copies not certified as required.

Fergus Lodge, No. 73.

h. Constitutional amendments properly inserted, except Clause 8, Article 2 which is not correct.

By-law 9, page 26, after "committees," in fifth line, insert "originally filled by his appointment."

a. By-law 43, strike out "$40" and insert "$30."

By-law 61, after the word "to," in fifth line, strike out "take" and insert "that."

The form of appeal appended is inappropriate.

Warriner Lodge, No. 75.

h. Five constitutional amendments properly inserted.

By-law 9, in twenty-third line, after "committee," insert "originally filled by his appointment."

b. By-law 55, after "him," in second line, insert "pertaining to his right to benefits."

g. Copies not certified as required.

St. Thomas Lodge, No. 76.

h. Five constitutional amendments of last year omitted.

By-law 12, after "committees," in eleventh line, insert "originally filled by his appointment."

a. By-law 51, strike out "$32" and insert "$30."

b. By-law 62, after the word "benefit," in third line, insert the words "pertaining to his right to benefits."

g. Copies not certified as required.

By-law 25, strike out "term" and insert "quarter."

Oxford Lodge, No. 77.

h. Five constitutional amendments of last year omitted.

By-law 19, page 25, after "committee" in eleventh line, insert "originally filled by his appointment."

Amendments ordered last year to By-laws 49 and 84 not made.

g. Copies not certified as required.

Durham, No. 78.

h. Five constitutional amendments of last year omitted.

By-law 10, 18th page, eleventh line, after "committees." insert "originally filled by his appointment."

By-laws 51 and 58, not amended as ordered last year.

g. By-laws, &c., not certified properly by Lodge seal and Officers' signatures.

Nipissing Lodge, No. 79.

h. Five constitutional amendments of last year omitted.

By-law 9, after "committee," in twenty-third line, insert "originally filled by his appointment."

a. By law 46, strike out "$40" and insert "$30."

c. By-law 61, after "effect," in fifth line, insert "and the consent of the Grand Lodge thereto, except in case of suspension for non-payment of dues."

Form of appeal appended not appropriate.

g. Copies not certified as required.

Amity Lodge, No. 80.

h. Constitutional amendments of last year omitted.

a. By-law 49, strike out "$20" and insert "$12.50."

By-law 44, strike out "and shall have taken the Scarlet Degree. In the fifth line, after "brother," insert "of the Scarlet Degree." Strike out all after the fourteenth line to the word "funds," and insert "any *bona fide* member, in good standing, who has not attained the Scarlet Degree shall be entitled to half-weekly benefits allowed above." Same Clause, page 3, of manuscript, strike out "voted" and insert "paid."

Clause 10, line 14, after "committees," insert "originally filled by his appointment."

Only one printed copy of By-laws.

g. Two manuscript copies of amendments, neither properly certified.

The amendments of this Lodge were so awkwardly arranged that we were strongly inclined to recommend their return to Amity Lodge for proper arrangement.

Belleville Lodge, No. 81.

h. Five constitutional amendments of last year omitted.

d. By-law, Article 3, Clause 4, strike out "$3.50," and insert "$3."

Article 4, Clause 3, page 27, after "committee," in twenty-second line, insert "originally filled by his appointment."

d. Article 11, Clause 1, strike out "50cts." and insert "at the rate of $3 per week."

The form of appeal appended not appropriate.

g. Laws, &c., not certified as required.

Article 7, Clause 4, strike out "term" and insert "quarter."

Beaver Lodge, No. 82.

h. Five constitutional amendments of last year omitted.

By-law 9, after "committee," in twenty-third line, insert "originally filled by his appointment."

The form of appeal appended not appropriate.

Clinton Lodge, No. 83.

h. Five constitutional amendments of last year omitted.

By-law 5, page two of By-laws, twenty-fourth line, after "committees," insert "originally filled by his appointment."

An amendment to Article 1, Sec. 2. is offered in relation to medical certificate —which we approve.

g. Laws, &c., not certified by proper officers.

Walkerton Lodge, No. 84.

h. Five *Constitutional* amendments ordered last year omitted.

By-laws 9, 23rd page, third line, after the word "*Committees*" insert the words "originally filled by his appointment."

a. By-law 45, strike out $25 (*a*) and insert $20 (*a*).

Form of appeal submitted not appropriate.

Napanee, No. 86.

h. Five constitutional amendments of last year not properly inserted.

d. By-laws, Article 1, Clause 18, second paragraph, strike out "$3.00" and "$2.50," and insert "$2.40," in each case.

Article 4, Clause 2, twenty-fifth line, after "committees," insert "originally filled by his appointment."

Article 12, Clause 3, not stricken out as ordered last year.

Amendments to Article 3, Clause 1, sixth line, in regard to Degree Master, we approve.

Form of Appeal in Appendix, not appropriate.

Article 7, Clause 4, strike out "term," and insert "quarter."

Empire Lodge, No. 87.

h. Five constitutional amendments of last year omitted.

By-laws, Article 3, Clause 4, eighteenth line, after "committees," insert "originally filled by his appointment."

Amendments ordered last year to Article 6, clauses 2, 7, 8 and 13, have not been made.

Amendments ordered last year to Article 7, clauses 6 and 15, are inserted at the ends of the clauses, and not where ordered.

Article 5, clause 5, strike out "term," and insert "quarter."

Article 6, clause 2, strike out last sentence.

Olive Branch Lodge, No. 88.

h. Five constitutional amendments of last year omitted.

By-law 12, after "committees," in eleventh line, insert "originally filled by his appointment."

By-law 35, strike out "term" and insert "quarter."

By-law 51, not amended as ordered last year.

Order of business, under Rule 2, Rules of Order omitted.

Rules numbered incorrectly.

g. Copies not certified as required.

Reliance Lodge, No. 89.

h. Five constitutional amendments of last year omitted in proper places, but inserted on fly-leaf.

By-laws, 3 errata and 5 corrections ordered last year, inserted in the same manner.

By-law 9, twenty-second line, after "committees," insert the words, "originally filled by his appointment."

g. Neither copy certified by signatures as required.

Ivy Lodge, No. 90.

h. Five constitutional amendments of last year omitted.

By-laws, Article 2, Section 5, Clause 1, page 6, after "committees," in fourth line, insert "originally filled by his appointment."

b. Article 7, Section 1, Clause 1, strike out paragraph 3.

b. Article 7, Section 2, Clause 1, paragraph 2, after "him," in second line, insert "pertaining to his right to benefits."

Article 6, Section 2, Clause 1, strike out last sentence.

c. Article 7, Section 4, Clause 1, paragraph 4, after "effect," in fourth line, insert "and the consent of the Grand Lodge thereto, except in case of suspension for non-payment of dues."

Article 5, Section 2, Clause 2, strike out "term" and insert "quarter."

Grand River Lodge, No. 91.

Constitutional amendments properly inserted.

By-law 12, after "committees," on page 19, insert "originally filled by his appointment."

g. Copies not certified as required.

a. By-law 42, strike out.

Milton Lodge, No. 92.

h. Five constitutional amendments of last year omitted.

By-law 9, page 30, after "committees," in last line, insert "originally filled by his appointment."

a. By-law 46, strike out "40" and insert "$30."

Western City Lodge, No. 93.

h. Constitutional amendments inserted on fly-leaf, instead of in their proper places.

By-law 27, after "committees," in twenty-eighth line, insert "originally filled by his appointment."

g. Copies not properly certified.

By-law 51, after "commencing," in fourteenth line, insert "not more than," and after "week" insert "anterior to."

Aylmer Lodge No. 94.

(A New Lodge.)

By-law 1, strike out "election" and insert "Ballot."

By-law 12, page 27, top of page, after "committees," insert "originally filled by his appointment."

d. By-law 48, strike out "$3" and "$2.50," and insert in each case "$2.40," or else increase quarterly dues to $1.25.

a. By-law 51, (unless By-law 34 is amended by inserting "$1.60" instead of "$1"), strike out "$32" and "$26" and insert in each case "$20."

Form of appeal submitted inappropriate.

By-law 35, strike out "term" and insert "quarter."

Port Stanley Lodge, No. 95.

(A New Lodge.)

h. Five constitutional amendments of last year omitted.

By-law 12, eleventh line, after "committee," insert "originally filled by his appointment."

a. By-law 51, strike out "$32" and insert "$30."

Nith Lodge, No. 96.

(A New Lodge.)

No Constitution submitted.

By-law 10, 4th page, fourth line, after "committee," insert "originally filled by his appointment."

d. By-law 57, strike out.

b. By-law 59, after "him," in second line, insert "pertaining to his right to benefits."

Minto Lodge, No. 98.

(A New Lodge.)

h. Five constitutional amendments of last year omitted.

By-law 19, page 25, eleventh line from the top, after "committees," insert the words, "originally filled by his appointment."

The two copies before us were the By-laws of Samaritan Lodge, which Minto has adopted, and, with the above amendments and the requisite change in name, number and location we approve the same.

Peabody Lodge, No. 99.

(*A New Lodge.*)

Constitutional amendments properly inserted.

a. By-law 52, strike out.

c. By-law 74, after the word "effect," in fifth line, insert "and the consent of the Grand Lodge thereto, except in case of suspension for non-payment of dues."

g Copies not certified as required.

Lindsay Lodge, No. 100.

(*A New Lodge.*)

The five constitutional amendments properly inserted.

e. Constitution, Art. 2, clause 11, second line, insert the words "more than" "after the word "by."

By-law 9, as numbered, page 23, after "committees," in thirteenth line, insert originally filled by his appointment."

By-law 7, strike out "election," and insert ballot."

There seems to be no By-law No. 9, consequently the remaining laws are incorrectly numbered.

f. In 10, as numbered, strike out all after the second word, "ceremony;" 22, as numbered, is evidently wrong in regard to date, "1870," because Lindsay Lodge was not then organized; *b.* 63, as numbered, after "him," in second line, insert "pertaining to his right to benefits."

By-law 38, as numbered, strike out "term," and insert "quarter."

c. By-law 70, as numbered, after "effect" in fifth line, insert "and the consent of the Grand Lodge thereto, except in case of suspension for non-payment of dues."

Have been using Warriner Lodge By-laws, two copies of which are before us, accompanied by a letter from the Recording Secretary, over the seal of Lindsay Lodge, certifying to the adoption of the same, with requisite amendments, by Lindsay Lodge.

Golden Star Lodge, No. 101.

(*A New Lodge.*)

All constitutional amendments properly adopted and inserted.

By-laws, Article 3, Section 2, page 22, after "committee," in seventeenth line insert "originally filled by his appointment."

Article 5, Section 1, strike out all after "V. G." and insert "and the V. G. shall announce the result first."

The form of appeal appended not appropriate.

Dosoronto Lodge, No. 102.

(A *New Lodge.*)

h. Four constitutional amendments of last year not correctly made.

a. By-laws, Article 1, Clause 18, strike out "$3" and "$2.50" and insert "2.40,' or else raise quarterly dues to $1.25 instead of $1.

By-laws, Article 4, Clause 2, after "committees," in twenty-fifth line, insert "originally filled by his appointment."

a. Article 11, Clause 2, strike out "$3" and "$2.50" and insert "$2.40," or else raise quarterly dues to $1.25.

a. Article 11, Clause 8, strike out "$30" and insert "$20," or else increase quarterly dues to $1.50.

Article 11, Clause 8, strike out all after the fifth paragraph, commencing with the figure "6."

a. Article 11, Clause 9, strike out "$30" and insert "$20," or else raise quarterly dues to $1.50.

b. Article 12, strike out Clause 3.

The form of appeal appended not appropriate.

Article 7, Clause 4, strike out "term" and insert "quarter."

Cataract Lodge, No. 103.

(*A New Lodge.*)

h. Five constitutional amendments of last year omitted.

f. By-law 4, strike out all after "ceremony," in third line.

b. By-law 60, after "charges," in first line, insert "pertaining to his right to benefits."

By-law 54, strike out.

c. By-law 78, after "effect," in fourth line, insert "and the consent of the Grand Lodge thereto, except in case of suspension for non payment of dues."

Have adopted Niagara Falls by-laws, but in copies before us the name, number, date of institution, location and night of meeting have not been changed.

g. Copies not certified as required.

Crescent Lodge, No. 104.

(*A New Lodge.*)

Constitutional amendments all properly inserted.

By-law 8, after "committees," in twenty-first line, "insert originally filled by his appointment."

a. By-laws 44 and 45 strike out "$40" and insert "$35" in each.

c. By-law 61, after "effect," in fifth line, insert "and the consent of the Grand Lodge thereto, except in cases of suspension for non-payment of dues."

Manilla Lodge, No. 105.

(*A New Lodge.*)

h. Five constitutional amendments of last year omitted.

See appendix to Journal of Grand Lodge of Ontario, 1872.

By-law 9, page 23, after "committees," in thirteenth line, insert "originally filled by his appointment."

b. By-law 55, after "him," in second line, insert, "pertaining to his right to benefits."

c. By-law 62. after "effect," in fifth line, insert "and the consent of the Grand Lodge thereto, except in case of suspension for non-payment of dues."

Have been and still are using copies of Warriner Lodge By-laws, two copies of which are before us (with some changes as to name, location, &c.) as having been adopted by Manilla Lodge. Night of meeting seems to be the same as Warriner Lodge.

In the Constitution, Article 3, Clause 7, after the word "be," in second line, insert the words "in nomination such brothers shall be."

g. Copies before us not properly certified.

Waterloo Lodge, No. 107.

(*A New Lodge.*)

h. Have apparently copied Old Constitution, instead of the Revised one, omitting also the five constitutional amendments of last year.

f. By-law 3, after the word "ceremony," in third line, strike out the balance of the law,

d. By-law 46, strike out "$4" and insert "$3."

a. By-law 51, strike out.

b. By-law 58, after "charges," in first line, insert "pertaining to his right to benefits."

By-law 72, after "effect," in fourth line, insert "and the consent of the Grand Lodge thereto, except in case of suspension for non-payment of dues."

Royal Oak Lodge No. 108.

(*A New Lodge.*)

No Constitution submitted.

By-laws and Rules of Order in manuscript.

g. Only one copy.

By-law 10, page 4, line twenty-second, after "committee," insert "originally filled by his appointment."

By-law 34, strike out "term" in last line, and insert "quarter."

b. By-law 57, strike out.

By-law 59, after "him" in second line, insert "pertaining to his right to benefits."

Orion Lodge, No. 109.

(A New Lodge.)

h. Five constitutional amendments of last year omitted.

By-law 10, page 36, after "committees," in eleventh line, insert "originally filled by his appointment.

By-law 49, strike out last sentence on one weeks' benefits.

Lucknow Lodge, No. 112.

(A New Lodge.)

No Constitution submitted.

g. Only one copy of By-laws in manuscript.

By-law 14, after "committee," in nineteenth line, insert "originally filled by his appointment."

By-law 31, strike out "term" and insert "quarter."

Harmony Lodge, No. 115.

(A New Lodge.)

h. Five constitutional amendments of last year are properly inserted.

f. By-law 4, strike out after the second word, "ceremony."

b. By-law 58, strike out.

b. By-law 59, after "charges," in second line, insert 'pertaining to his right to benefits."

c. By-law 73, after "effect" in fifth line, insert "and the consent of the Grand Lodge thereto, except in case of suspension for non-payment of dues."

Form of appeal appended inappropriate.

Four amendments (in manuscript) to By-laws in the matter of appointing a physician, and in regard to fees and dues—we approve.

Several amendments changing quarterly payments to semi-annual payments we do not approve.

Also several changes in regard to name, number, night of meeting, &c., we approve.

These latter arise from the fact of having adopted the By-laws of Gore Lodge.

g. Copies not certified as required.

Valley City Lodge, No. 117.

(A New Lodge.)

h. Five constitutional amendments of last year omitted.

By-law 8, page 24, after "committees," twenty-first line, insert "originally filled by his appointment."

a. By-laws 44 and 45, strike out "$40" and insert "$30" in each case.

c. By-law 60, after "effect," in fifth line, insert "and the consent of the Grand Lodge thereto, except in case of suspension for non-payment of dues."

Have adopted Unity Lodge By-laws, with necessary alterations of name, &c.

g. Copies not certified as required.

By law 29, strike out "term" and insert "quarter."

In conclusion, your Committee submit, that they have revised as carefully as time would permit, the By-laws and Constitutions of 70 Lodges.

It is possible that in revising so many laws, in so short a time, some errors have been overlooked, it would surprise us if that was not the case, but we feel confident that in those points we have submitted for your approval, there are no mistakes.

Six of the older Lodges, Frontier 45, Mt Zion 46, Canada 49, Barrie 63, Bothwell 74, and Grand Union 97, have submitted nothing for our examination Seven Lodges instituted since the last session of Grand Lodge, up to the 1st of July last, St. Clair, 105, Laurel 110, Peterborough 111, Trenton 113, Gananoque 114, and Naomi 116, have presented no By-laws for approval.

It seems remarkable and unaccountable, that with a plain enactment in the Constitution for Subordinate Lodges, that By-laws and all amendments to the same, shall be submitted in duplicate, certified by the seal of the Lodge and the signatures of the N. G. and Secretary, that scarcely one in ten of those submitted, are properly certified.

In the Report of your Representatives from the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States at this session, we are informed that the enactment in Article 2, Clause 2, of the Constitution for Subordinates, restricting admission to our Lodges to men not over 50 years of age, is invalid, and this will of course necessitate an amendment to the Constitution for Subordinates, as well as to the By-laws of a great many of the Subordinates on these matters.

Year after year this Committee is called upon to revise the laws of the same Lodges, and upon exactly the same points. The necessity for this should not be repeated, and need not be, if the Lodges will attend at once to the correction of their laws as pointed out.

This should be done by means of blank and printed slips, pasted on in their appropriate places, and not upon fly leaves in the beginning or end of their By-laws. Instead of giving authorities repeatedly in our report, we have thought better to give references, by means of small letters to foot notes at the end of our report, citing the authorities in each case.

Believing, if immediate attention is given to these corrections and recommendations, that uniformity will be secured, that less misunderstanding of law will arise, and that easier tasks will be assigned the Committee on By-laws in future, we cheerfully and hopefully conclude what has been to us a tedious and perplexing work, and we fear, a tedious report to you.

We therefore submit the following resolution:

Resolved,—That the above report be adopted.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. C. BINGHAM,
CL. T. CAMPBELL,
THOS. PARTRIDGE.

FOOT NOTES TO ABOVE REPORT.

a. Constitution for Subordinates, Article 5, Clause 10.
b. Digest, page 71, Section 321.
c. Digest, page 355, Section 1677.
d. Constitution for Subordinates, Article 5, Clause 6.
e. Constitution for Subordinates, Article 2, Clause 11.
f. Ritual.
g. Constitution for Subordinates, Article 8, Clause 2.
h. See Appendix to Journal for 1872. *

On motion to adopt that Clause referring to Excelsior Lodge, No. 44, Rep. J. S. McMahon, moved the following, which was not agreed to.

Resolved,—That the words "Constitutional amendments of last year," be stricken out.

The report as a whole, was adopted.

The following, moved by Rep. J. J. Dyas, seconded by Rep. W. S. Campbell, was unanimously resolved in the affirmative:

Resolved.—That the members of the Committee on Laws of Subordinates, viz: H. C. Bingham, P. G. M., Thomas Partridge, P. G. M., and Cl. T. Campbell, P. G., receive the hearty thanks of this Grand Lodge for their very arduous labors,

*See constitution in appendix, amendments adopted in 1872.

and that the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, be instructed to include in their report proper allowances to said Committee.

The following, moved by Rep. J. S. McMahon, seconded by Rep. John Richmond, was resolved in the negative :

Resolved,—That this Grand Lodge do hereafter meet in the following places only, and in the order named : Hamilton, London, Toronto and St. Catharines.

The following was presented by Rep. Henry Gibson, and referred to the Committee on State of the Order :

After the Report of a Committee on Character has been read, should not any Brother present have the right to make remarks, either for or against the candidate, before the ballot is taken ?

Reps. J. W. Fletcher and David Johns asked leave of absence for the remainder of the session, which, on motion, was granted.

W. N. Ford, P. G. M., from the Committee on Legislation presented the following Report, which was considered seriatim as read :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario I. O. O. F.

We, your Committee on Legislation beg leave to report as follows :

1st. As to Clause 17, of the M. W. Grand Master's report : We recommend that the whole jurisdiction should be divided into Districts, as follows :

District No. 1.—To consist of the Counties of Leeds, Grenville, Dundas, Stormont Glengary, Prescott, Russell, Carlton, Lanark and Renfrew.
" 2.—To consist of the Counties of Frontenac, Lennox and Addington.
" 3.—To consist of the Counties of Prince Edward and Hastings.
" 4.—To consist of the Counties of Northumberland and Peterborough.
" 5.—To consist of the Counties of Durham and Victoria.
" 6.—To consist of the County of Ontario.
" 7.—To consist of the County of York.
" 8.—To consist of the County of Simcoe.
" 9.—To consist of the Counties of Peel and Halton.
" 10.—To consist of the County of Grey.
" 11.—To consist of the County of Bruce.
" 12.—To consist of the County of Huron.
" 13.—To consist of the County of Wellington and the Town of Orangeville.
" 14.—To consist of the County of Brant and South Riding of Waterloo.
" 15.—To consist of the Counties of Wentworth and Haldimand.
" 16.—To consist of the Counties of Lincoln and Welland.
" 17.—To consist of the Counties of Elgin and Norfolk.
" 18.—To consist of the County of Oxford.
" 19.—To consist of the County of Middlesex, E., W., and London.
" 20.—To consist of the County of Perth South, and Middlesex North.
" 21.—To consist of the County of Essex.
" 22.—To consist of the County of Kent.
" 23.—To consist of the County of Lambton.
" 24.—To consist of the County of Perth North and Waterloo North.

2nd. Your Committee recommend that a D. D. G. M., as provided for in the Constitution, Clause 10, whose duty is defined in Constitution, Clause 22, be appointed for each of the above named Districts, whose duty, in addition to his previous defined duties, it shall be, to institute all new Lodges in his District, upon the order of the Grand Master, and to visit each Lodge in his District at least twice in each year—the necessary expenses of such two official visits to be borne by this Grand Lodge—unless other visits are ordered by the M. W. G. M., in such case, the expenses of such visits shall also be paid by this R. W. Grand Lodge.

3rd. As to Clause 3, of the R. W. Grand Secretary's Report, your Committee recommend that the Grand Secretary furnish each Lodge in the Jurisdiction, not already supplied with the same, with two copies of the new Charge Book, charg-

ing therefor as in the case of ordinary supplies ; and that all old Charge Books in the Jurisdiction be called in and destroyed.

4th. As to Clause 7, of the R. W. Grand Secretary's Report, your Committee recommend that Clause 8, of Article 2, of the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges be struck out, and that the following be inserted in lieu thereof : "The rejection of any candidate for membership, shall be immediately intimated to every subordinate Lodge in the City, Town or Village in which such rejection takes place."

5th As to Clause 12, of the R. W. Grand Secretary's Report, your committee recommends that no change be made in the Constitution.

6th.—As to Clause 14, of the R. W. Grand Secretary's Report, your Committee considers that the practice of Lodges using Singing Odes, printed otherwise than as provided for by Section 807, Digest, is illegal, and should be discontinued at once.

7th As to the first part of the question of Rep. Diamond, of Belleville Lodge, "Can Subordinate Lodges have their By-laws so amended as to compel members to pay their regular contributions or dues semi-annualy, instead of quarterly, as at present ? Answer.—No.

2. "If not, is it not advisable, in the interest of the Order. to have the Constitution so amended as to enable them to pass such a Clause, in order that members may be clear upon the books during the possession by them of the Term Pass Word ?" Answer.—Your Committee thinks it not advisable at present.

8th. As to that portion of the Grand Representatives' Report submitted to us we recommend that Clause 1, of Article 2, of the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges be struck out, and that the following be inserted in lieu thereof : "Candidates for membership in this Lodge must be white males, of the full age of twenty-one years, of good moral character, and in sound health, and resident within the jurisdiction of this Lodge, at least six months."

We therefore submit the following resolution :

Resolved,—That the above report be adopted.

All of which is respectfully submitted by yours in F. L. and T.

WM. N. FORD, W. S. CAMPBELL,
JOHN DEWAR, ISAAC F. TOMS,
JAMES F. McDONALD.

On motion to adopt Clause 1, Rep. Cl. T. Campbell, moved the following amendment, which was resolved in the negative :

Resolved,—That all after the word "that" be stricken out, and the following inserted: "the Districts be arranged according to Counties—provided each County possesses two Lodges and five P. G.'s in good standing, and that isolated Lodges be attached to adjacent Counties, or where two adjacent Counties possess the requisite number of Lodges and P. G.'s in good standing, they may be constituted a District at the discretion of the Grand Master."

The question recurring on the adoption of the Clause, it was adopted.

On motion to adopt Clause 2 of the report, Rep. Cl. T. Campbell, moved to amend the Clause as follows :

Resolved,—That all after the word "that" be stricken out, and the following inserted: "the P G 's in good standing in each District be organized into a District Committee, with power to hear and determine all questions, grievances and appeals—subject always to an appeal to the G. M., and that the D. D. G. M., be nominated by the District Committee, and be instructed to institute all new Lodges in the District, visit at least twice a year, unless further directed by the G. M., install the officers, and perform such other duties now devolving upon them, their necessary expenses to be paid by this Grand Lodge "

Resolved in the negative.

The question recurring upon the adoption of the Clause, it was adopted.

Clauses 3, 4, 5 and 6 adopted.

On the motion to adopt Clause 7, H. C. Bingham, P. G. M., seconded by Rep. W. J. Diamond, moved the following amendment, which was resolved in the negative:

Resolved,—That the word "no," in the answer of the Committee be stricken out, and the word "yes" inserted—referring to first section of the Clause.

The Report as a whole was then adopted.

Rep. W. Mowatt, from the Finance Committee, presented the following Report, which was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario I. O. O. F.:

Your Finance Committee having had under their consideration the Resolution submitted to them, in reference to reimbursing P. G. M., John Gibson, for services to this R. W. Grand Lodge, during his incumbency of the office of M. W. Grand Master, regret that this matter was not disposed of by this Grand Body at its last session, but nevertheless, they recommend that brother Gibson be granted the sum of three hundred dollars, to reimburse him to some extent for his services on behalf of the Order in this jurisdiction.

Therefore be it

Resolved,—That this report be adopted.

W. MOWATT, H. GRIFFITH,
H. BLAIN, W. D. GORDON,
G. W. JESSOP, W. J. DIAMOND,
F. H. POPE, E R. ROBINSON.

Rep. H. E. Buttery, introduced his motion to amend the Constitution, notice of which was given at the last Session, as follows:

Resolved,—That Clause 5 be amended to read as follows:

CLAUSE 5—Every Lodge within the jurisdiction, shall, at its first meeting in the month of July, annually, elect by ballot from amongst its Past Grands in good standing, a Representative or Representatives, as follows, that is to say: one Representative where the members in good standing, returned in the next preceding semi-annual Report, shall be 100 or less: over 100 and under 200, two representatives; if over 200, three Representatives.—Journal 1872. Page 539.

Pending the consideration of which, the Grand Lodge adjourned at 1 o'clock, for an hour.

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AFTERNOON SESSION.

STRATFORD, 2 o'clock, p. m.

The Grand Lodge re-assembled pursuant to adjournment.

Present, all the Grand Officers, and a quorum of Representatives.

The M. W. Grand Master announced the illness of R. W. Grand Representative, Bro. James Woodyatt, who was compelled to go home by order of his physician, and spoke with feeling regarding the loss sustained by this Grand Lodge in the absence of that Grand Officer.

Rep. W. Fitzsimmons, from the Committee on Appeals, presented the following Report, on the appeal of William Barley, *vs.* Minto Lodge, No. 98, which was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

WILLIAM BARLEY,
vs.
MINTO LODGE, No. 98.

Your Committee on Appeals, to whom the above case was referred, beg respectfully to report, that no notice of Appeal was served on said Lodge, nor was the consent of said Lodge obtained to such Appeal.

We therefore submit the following resolution :

Resolved,—That the said Appeal be dismissed without prejudice to the appellant.

WM. FITZSIMMONS,
H. GRIFFITH,
J. D. MATHESON,
M. E. SNIDER.

The following resolution by W. N. Ford, P.G.M., was resolved in the affirmative :

Resolved,—That that part of the Report of the Committee on Laws of Subordinates (adopted at the present Session of this Grand Lodge), relating to the By-laws of Harmony Lodge, No. 115, be reconsidered.

Whereupon, the Grand Lodge proceeded to reconsider the Clause in the Report, when the following moved by W. N. Ford, P.G.M., seconded by Rep. J. B. McIntyre, was adopted.

Resolved,—That the Report of the Committee on Laws of Subordinates, in that part relating to the By-laws of Harmony Lodge, No. 115, be amended by inserting "that the Committee do not approve of having the dues payable semi-annually instead of quarterly."

A standing vote being called, resulted :

Yeas—53. Nays—48.

The report as amended was then adopted :

Rep. H. E. Buttery moved the adoption of the resolution, which was under consideration when the Grand Lodge adjourned—being the amendment to Article 2, Clause 5—as follows, which was adopted :

CLAUSE 5.—Every Lodge within the jurisdiction shall, at its first meeting in the month of July, annually, elect by ballot from amongst its Past Grands in good standing, a Representative or Representatives, as follows, that is to say : one Representative where the number of members in good standing returned in the next preceding semi-annual report, shall be 100 or less : over 100 and under 200, two Representatives ; if over 200, three Representatives—Journal 1872. Page 539.

Rep. W. J. Diamond, presented the following notice of amendment to Constitution, to be considered at the Annual Session of 1874, viz.:

Amend Article 2, Clause 5, to read as follows :

CLAUSE 5.—Every Lodge within the jurisdiction shall, at its first meeting in the month of July, annually, elect by ballot from its Past Grands in good standing, a Representative or Representatives as follows, that is to say : one Representative where the number of members returned in the next preceding semi-annual report shall be 100 or less ; over 100 two Representatives and no more.

Rep. J. O. Campbell presented the following notice of amendment to the Constitution, viz.:

Amend Article 4, Clause 9.

CLAUSE 9.—Strike out all after the words "Grand Lodge," and make the Clause read as follows : "Such *semi-annual* return shall be accompanied by the amount due the Grand Lodge ; the same being twenty cents for each unsuspended member on said return."

Rep. J. A. Campbell, seconded by Rep. T. H. Vann, moved the following :

Resolved,—That when the Grand Lodge adjourn, it does so to meet on the first Wednesday in August, 1874, in the Town of Whitby.

Rep. W. J. Diamond, seconded by Rep. R. Tracey, moved in amendment, that the word "Whitby" be struck out, and the word "Belleville" inserted.

Rep. J. T. Hornibrook, seconded by Rep. H. Wilson, moved in amendment to the amendment, that the word "Belleville" be stricken out, and the word "Kingston" inserted.

The question being the adoption of the amendment by Rep. J. T. Hornibrook, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The motion as amended was adopted.

Rep. P. B. Hatch, from the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, submitted the following report, which was adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario I. O. O. F.

Your Committee on Mileage and Per Diem beg leave to submit the following Table and Resolution, namely:

Number of Officers and Representatives, 175. Gross amount of Mileage and Per Diem, $2,146.12.

TABLE OF MILEAGE AND PER DIEM

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NAME OF LODGE.	Number of Lodge.	LOCATION.	Miles Travelled.	Mileage.	Number of Days	Per Diem.	Total.	NAMES OF REPRESENTATIVES.
GRAND OFFICERS.								
Grand Master		Clifton	206	$ 8 24	3	$ 6 00	$ 14 24	John Murray
D. D. Master		Toronto	176	7 04	3	6 00	13 04	George Wright
Grand Warden		Port Perry	272	10 88	3	6 00	16 88	R. Warriner
" Secretary		Brantford	78	3 12	3	6 00	9 12	J. B. King
" Treasurer		"	78	3 12	3	6 00	9 12	A. D. Clement
" Rep		"	78	3 12	3	6 00	9 12	James Woodyatt
" Rep		Stratford			3	6 00	6 00	John Gibson
" Marshal		St. Catharines	184	7 36	3	6 00	13 36	Harper Wilson
" Conductor		Hamilton	120	4 80	3	6 00	10 80	George Midgely
" Guardian		London	66	2 64	3	6 00	8 64	J. F. Morey
Brock	9	Brockville	592	23 68	3	6 00	29 68	W. H. Cole
"	9	"	592	23 68	3	6 00	29 68	Wm. Fitzsimmons
"	9	"	592	23 68	3	6 00	29 68	R. Green
Union	16	St. Catharines	184	7 36	3	6 00	13 36	J. B. McIntyre
"	16	"	184	7 36	3	6 00	13 36	W. Chatfield
"	16	"	184	7 36	3	6 00	13 36	J. G. Sisterson
"	16	"	184	7 36	3	6 00	13 36	T. Healey
"	16	"	184	7 36	3	6 00	13 36	T. Thompson
Chatham	29	Chatham	194	7 76	3	6 00	13 76	John Turner
"	29	"	194	7 76	3	6 00	13 76	I. Smith
"	29	"	194	7 76	3	6 00	13 76	J. P. Young
Eureka	30	London	66	2 64	3	6 00	8 64	James Heron
"	30	"	66	2 64	3	6 00	8 64	William Wyatt

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Eureka	30	London	66	$ 2 64	3	$ 6 00	$ 8 64	William Atkins
"	30	"	66	2 64	3	6 00	8 64	E. R. Robinson
"	30	"	66	2 64	3	6 00	8 64	John Mitchell
Erie	33	Port Burwell	184	7 36	3	6 00	13 36	George W Poutine
"	33	"	184	7 36	3	6 00	13 36	George W. Hare
Gore	34	Brantford	78	3 12	3	6 00	9 12	P. B Hatch
"	34	"	78	3 12	3	6 00	9 12	W. S. Campbell
Samaritan	35	Ingersoll	104	4 16	3	6 00	10 16	William Ballantyne
"	35	"	104	4 16	3	6 00	10 16	William McNaughton
"	35	"	104	4 16	3	6 00	10 16	J. F. McDonald
"	35	"	104	4 16	3	6 00	10 16	George Dennis
St. Marys	36	St. Marys	20	0 80	3	6 00	6 80	William N. Ford
"	36	"	20	0 80	3	6 00	6 80	Richard Box
Forest City	38	London	66	2 64	3	6 00	8 64	H. E. Buttery
"	38	"	66	2 64	3	6 00	8 64	George Shaw
"	38	"	66	2 64	3	6 00	8 64	Edward Beltz
"	38	"	66	2 64	3	6 00	8 64	J. W. Fletcher
"	38	"	66	2 64	3	6 00	8 64	S. Perry
"	38	"	66	2 64	3	6 00	8 64	W. Bissell
Rond Eau	40	Blenheim	218	8 72	3	6 00	14 72	R. J. Wilson
"	40	"	218	8 72	3	6 00	14 72	N. Flater
Avon	41	Stratford	....	.....	3	6 00	6 00	William Mowatt
"	41	"	....	.....	3	6 00	6 00	Cl. T. Campbell
"	41	"	....	.....	3	6 00	6 00	John Ross
"	41	"	....	.....	3	6 00	6 00	H. Gibson

"	40	Belmont	218	8 72	3	6 00	14 72	R. J. Wilson
"	40	"	218	8 72	3	6 00	14 72	N. Flater
Avon	41	Stratford			3	6 00	6 00	William Mowatt
"	41	"			3	6 00	6 00	Cl. T. Campbell
"	41	"			3	6 00	6 00	John Ross
"	41	"			3	6 00	6 00	H. Gibson

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NAME OF LODGE.	Number of Lod.	LOCATION.	Miles Travelled.	Mileage.	Number of Days	Per Diem.	Total.	NAMES OF REPRESENTATIVES.
Excelsior	44	Hamilton	120	$ 4 80	3	$ 6 00	$10 80	John Richmond
"	44	"	120	4 80	3	6 00	10 80	R. Griffiith
"	44	"	120	4 80	3	6 00	10 80	J. S. McMahon
"	44	"	120	4 80	3	6 00	8 80	C. E Peirce
Frontier	45	Windsor	286	11 44	3	6 00	17 44	H. McA e
"	45	"	286	11 44	3	6 00	17 44	J. W. Johnston
"	45	"	286	11 44	3	6 00	17 44	J. S. Edgar
Mount Zion	46	Newbury	144	6 76	3	6 00	10 76	W. F. Roome
Unity	47	Hamilton	120	4 80	3	6 00	10 80	H. Williams
"	47	"	120	4 80	3	6 00	10 80	A. McKay
Dominion	48	London	66	2 64	3	6 00	8 64	W. Wood
"	48	"	66	2 64	3	6 00	8 64	J. J. Dyas
"	48	"	66	2 64	3	6 00	8 64	A. Grant, Sen'r
Canada	49	Toronto	176	7 04	3	6 00	13 04	William Menzies
"	49	"	176	7 04	3	6 00	13 04	A. G. Allison
"	49	"	176	7 04	3	6 00	13 04	J. G. Coleman
"	49	"	176	7 04	3	6 00	13 04	W. J. Annand
Otter	50	Tilsonburg	152	6 08	3	6 00	12 08	John Dewar
"	50	"	152	6 08	3	6 00	12 08	R. H. Armstrong
Bissell	51	Mitchell	26	1 04	3	6 00	7 04	A. Mulheron
"	51	"	26	1 04	3	6 00	7 04	A. Featherstone
Covenant	52	Toronto	176	7 04	3	6 00	13 04	H. Blain
"	52	"	176	7 04	3	6 00	13 04	J. T. Hornibrook
"	52	"	176	7 04	3	6 00	13 04	A. Hunter
"	52	"	176	7 04	3	6 00	13 04	J. Colby, Jr

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Niagara Falls	53	Clifton	206	$ 8 24	3	$ 6 00	$ 14 24	John Coulson
"	53	"	206	8 24	3	6 00	14 24	John R Peckham
Collingwood	54	Collingwood	364	14 56	3	6 00	20 56	James Henry
"	54	"	364	14 56	3	6 00	20 56	R. Mathews
Fidelity	55	Seaforth	48	1 92	3	6 00	5 92	John Campbell
"	55	"	48	1 92	3	6 00	5 92	J. F. Carter
Queen City of Ontario	56	Toronto	176	7 04	3	6 00	13 04	J. R. Dunn
"	56	"	176	7 04	3	6 00	13 04	John Neal
"	56	"	176	7 04	3	6 00	13 04	Joseph Wright
"	56	"	176	7 04	3	6 00	13 04	C. W. Wilmott
Maple Leaf	57	Orangeville	274	10 96	3	6 00	16 96	F. G. Dunbar
Howard	58	Strathroy	106	4 24	3	6 00	10 24	J. C. Cooper
"	58	"	106	4 24	3	6 00	10 24	J. R. Clark
"	58	"	106	4 24	3	6 00	10 24	H. McCall
Kingston	59	Kingston	498	19 92	3	6 00	25 92	W. D. Gordon
"	59	"	498	19 92	3	6 00	25 92	S Oberndorffer
"	59	"	498	19 92	3	6 00	25 92	N Hugo
Wardsville	60	Wardsville	146	5 84	3	6 00	11 84	D Gibb
Corinthian	61	Oshawa	244	9 76	3	6 00	13 76	R Gott
"	61	"	244	9 76	3	6 00	11 76	Dr. Rae
Huron	62	Goderich	90	3 60	3	6 00	9 60	F W Johnston
"	62	"	90	3 60	3	6 00	9 60	Joseph Beck
Victoria	64	Hamilton	120	4 80	3	6 00	8 80	J B Laing
"	64	"	120	4 80	3	6 00	8 80	R McKay
Friendship	65	Petrolia	170	6 80	3	6 00	12 80	J S Garner

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Friendship	65	Petrolia	170	$ 6 80	3	$ 6 00	$ 12 00	J E Durham
Florence Nightingale	66	Bowmanville	262	10 48	3	6 00	14 48	T H Vann
"	66	"	262	10 48	3	6 00	14 48	W P Prower
Exeter	67	Exeter	84	3 36	3	6 00	9 36	David Johns
North Star	68	Stayner	382	15 28	3	6 00	21 28	John B Petrie
Hope	69	Harrietsville	98	3 92	3	6 00	9 92	A Dundass
Lucan	70	Lucan	52	2 08	3	6 00	8 08	J D McCosh
The Toronto	71	Toronto	176	7 04	3	6 00	13 04	John Ritchie, Jr
"	71	"	176	7 04	3	6 00	13 04	H W Murdock
"	71	"	176	7 04	3	6 00	13 04	F T Barker
Eastern Star	72	Whitby	236	9 44	3	6 00	13 44	John A Parker
"	72	"	236	9 44	3	6 00	13 44	J A Campbell
Fergus	73	Fergus	114	4 56	3	6 00	8 46	William Rogers
"	73	"	114	4 56	3	6 00	8 46	A G Booth
Bothwell	74	Bothwell	150	6 00	3	6 00	12 00	F H Pope
"	74	"	150	6 00	3	6 00	12 00	E B Sutherland
Warriner	75	Port Perry	272	10 88	3	6 00	16 88	I J Davis
"	75	"	272	10 88	3	6 00	16 88	J A Sterling
St. Thomas	76	St. Thomas	96	3 84	3	6 00	9 84	L Ferguson
"	76	"	96	3 84	3	6 00	7 84	W. F. Forbes
Oxford	77	Ingersoll	104	4 16	3	6 00	10 16	J H Little
"	77	"	104	4 16	3	6 00	10 16	S C Harrington
Durham	78	Port Hope	302	12 08	3	6 00	18 08	W H Kells
Nipissing	79	Uxbridge	262	10 48	3	6 00	14 48	George Wheler
"	79	"	262	10 48	3	6 00	14 48	C E Kyle

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Amity	80	Prescott	618	$ 24 72	3	$ 6 00	$ 30 72	John McLaughlin
"	80	"	618	24 72	3	6 00	30 72	John Francis
Belleville	81	Belleville	402	16 08	3	6 00	22 08	R Tracy
"	81	"	402	16 08	3	6 00	22 08	W J Diamond
Clinton	83	Clinton	66	2 64	3	6 00	8 64	H Scott
Walkerton	84	Walkerton	220	8 80	3	6 00	14 80	S Noxon
Constellation	85	Burgessville	122	4 88	3	6 00	10 88	T Simons
Napanee	86	Napanee	446	17 84	3	6 00	23 84	John Graham
Empire	87	St. Catharines	184	7 36	3	6 00	13 36	W W Greenwood
Olive Branch	88	Woodstock	100	4 00	3	6 00	10 00	R McWhinnie
"	88	"	100	4 00	3	6 00	10 00	J H Wilson
Reliance	89	Guelph	80	3 20	3	6 00	9 20	Geo W Jessop
"	89	"	80	3 20	3	6 00	9 20	W Marshall
Ivy	99	Parkhill	80	3 20	3	6 00	9 20	John Dauncey
"	90	"	80	3 20	3	6 00	9 20	William Reid
Grand River	91	Paris	62	2 48	3	6 00	8 48	John Lawrence
Milton	92	Milton	132	5 28	3	6 00	11 28	J D Matheson
Western City	93	Chatham	194	7 76	3	6 00	13 76	James Cleve
"	93	"	194	7 76	3	6 00	13 76	John Oswald
Aylmer	94	Aylmer	120	4 80	3	6 00	10 80	C H Hankinson
Port Stanley	95	Port Stanley	114	4 56	3	6 00	10 56	Thomas
Nith	96	New Hamburg	26	1 04	3	6 00	7 04	Lewis German
Grand Union	97	Berlin	52	2 08	3	6 00	8 08	J A Staebler
Minto	98	Harriston	178	7 12	3	6 00	13 12	R Nokes
Peabody	99	Watford	132	5 28	3	6 00	11 28	W J Clark

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Golden Star	101	Brampton	134	$ 5 36	3	$ 6 00	$ 11 36	James Stewart
Dosoronto	102	Mill Point	458	18 32	3	6 00	24 32	John Newton
Cataract	103	Drummondville	206	8 24	3	6 00	14 24	T. W. Woodruff
Crescent	104	Hamilton	120	4 80	3	6 00	10 80	W. T. Moore
"	104	"	120	4 80	3	6 00	10 80	H. Griffiths
Manilla	105	Manilla	296	11 84	3	6 00	17 84	John Twohey
St. Clair	106	Port Edward	166	6 64	3	6 00	12 64	J. F. O'Neil
Waterloo	107	Galt	76	3 04	3	6 00	9 04	A. McCausland
Royal Oak	108	Forest	116	4 64	3	6 00	10 64	J. D. Conklin
Orion	109	Georgetown	118	4 72	3	6 00	10 72	J. O. Campbell
Laurel	110	Yorkville	178	7 12	3	6 00	13 12	M. E. Snider
Peterborough	111	Peterborough	364	14 56	3	6 00	20 56	E. G. Chant
Lucknow	112	Lucknow	90	3 60	3	6 00	7 60	I F. Toms
Trenton	113	Trenton	378	15 12	3	6 00	21 12	R. J. Chown
Gananoque	114	Gananoque	532	21 28	3	6 00	27 28	B. J. Fagan
Harmony	115	Brantford	78	3 12	3	6 00	9 12	N. T. Peatman
OFFICERS.								
Assistant Grand Secretary		Brantford		3 12	3	6 00	9 12	Thomas Woodyatt
Grand Reporter		London		2 64	2	4 00	6 64	R. Mathison

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COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.								
Forest City	35	London	66	$ 2 64	5	$ 10 00	$ 12 64	Thomas Partridge
Gore	34	"	66	2 64	5	10 00	12 64	H. C. Bingham
Avon	41	Stratford			2	4 00	4 00	Cl. T. Campbell

The above Table is computed in accordance with the resolution of this Grand Lodge, at Four cents Per Mile, and Two Dollars per Diem.

Resolved,—That the foregoing Report be adopted, and that the Grand Master do issue orders on the Grand Treasurer in accordance therewith, in favor of the Officers and Representatives.

Fraternally submitted,

P. B. HATCH, JOHN F. O'NEIL,
RICH'D NOKES, EDMUND BELTZ,
W. RODGERS.

The following, moved by Rep. J. R. Clarke, seconded by J. C. Cooper, was resolved in the affirmative:

Resolved,—That the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges, also the Constitution of the Grand Lodge as amended, be printed in the Journal of Proceedings of this the Nineteenth Annual Communication.

The following, moved by Rep. J. Ross, seconded by Rep. R. Box, was resolved in the negative:

Resolved,—That in consideration of the valuable services of the Committee on By-laws of Subordinate Lodges, a sum of ————dollars be voted to the said Committee as compensation for said services.

Rep. H. C. Bingham, from the Committee on State of the Order, presented the following Report, which was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario I. O. O. F.:

The question of Rep. Henry Gibson, of Avon Lodge, having been referred to the Committee on the State of the Order, they report as follows:

Rep. H. Gibson begs leave to ask the following question:

When the report of a committee on character has been received, should not any brother have the right to make remarks either for or against the candidate before the ballot is taken?

Your Committee, in answer to the above question, have no hesitation in replying that he certainly has that right and should be allowed the opportunity to exercise the same.

Fraternally submitted.

H. C. BINGHAM,
T. REALEY,
H. E. BUTTERY,
HENRY McAFEE.

Rep. H. Blain gave the following notice of motion to amend the Constitution:

That the District Deputy Grand Masters have the privilege of attending the future meetings of this Grand Lodge, and that they receive the same remuneration and enjoy the same privileges as its elective officers.

The following, moved by Rep. J. O. Campbell, seconded by Rep. Henry Gibson, was resolved in the negative:

Resolved,—That the services of Past Grand Masters Ford and Partridge be referred to the Finance Committee to consider the matter of their expenses during the period of their incumbency.

The following, moved by Rep. J. O. Campbell, seconded by Rep. George Dennis, was not agreed to.

Resolved,—That this Grand Lodge authorise its Representatives to the R.W. Grand Lodge of the United States to use their influence with that R. W. Grand Body to so amend the Constitution of State Grand Lodges that Past Grands of Subordinates who are not elected to the State Grand Lodges may not be permitted to vote on elections of officers for said State Grand Bodies.

The following, moved by Rep. J. B. McIntyre, seconded by Rep. W. H. Cole, was resolved in the affirmative:

Resolved,- That the R. W, Grand Secretary be instructed to return the thanks of the Grand Lodge to the several Railways for their courtesy of reduced fares at the present session, and that he be instructed to correspond with the several lines of Railway and Steam boat Companies, with the view of reduced rates at our next Session.

The following, moved by Rep. W. Greenwood, seconded by Rep. Theo. W. Woodruff, was resolved in the affirmative:

Resolved,—That Chas. Lees, P. G. of Avon Lodge, No. 41, be paid the sum of six dollars for services as Janitor at the present session.

The following was resolved in the affirmative, on motion of Rep. Hugh Blain, seconded by Rep. John Ritchie, Jr.

Resolved,—That the Grand Secretary be instructed to convey the thanks of this R. W. Grand Lodge, to Avon Lodge, No. 41, for the use of their Hall, and for their kindness and courtesy during the session.

The following was resolved in the affirmative, on motion of Rep. H. Blain, seconded by Rep. J. J. Dyas.

Resolved,—That the M. W. Grand Master be authorized to re-appoint the Committee on Laws of Subordinates to meet two days and the Committee on Credentials one day previous to the next Annual Session—if he considers it advisable.

The following, moved by Rep. J. J. Dyas, seconded by Rep. W. H. Cole, was resolved in the affirmative :

Resolved,—That the Grand officers be directed to take such steps as will procure the incorporation of the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge then, on motion, proceeded to the installation of officers as follows :—

George Wright, P. D. G. M., Grand Master elect, was presented by P. G. Masters H. C. Bingham, and Wm. Bissell, duly obligated and took the chair.

R. Warriner, P. G. W., Deputy Grand Master elect, was presented by the same brothers, duly qualified and conducted to his seat.

H. E. Buttery, R, W. Grand Warden elect, was introduced by the same brothers, duly qualified and conducted to his chair.

J. B. King, P. G. Secretary, Grand Secretary elect, was introduced by P. G. Masters James Woodyatt and Henry McAfee, duly obligated and conducted to his seat.

A. D. Clement, P. G. Treasurer, Grand Treasurer elect, was introduced by P. G. Masters James Woodyatt and Henry McAfee, duly obligated and conducted to his seat.

The Grand Master named the following appointed officers :

Rep. J. S. McMahon	Grand	Marshal.
" Hugh McCall	"	Conductor.
" W. D. Gordon	"	Guardian.
" W. Fitzsimmons	"	Chaplain.

In pursuance of a resolution to that effect, the chair named the following Auditors for the coming year viz :

W. Mowatt, of Avon Lodge, No. 41 ; G. W. Jessop, of Reliance Lodge, No. 89.

Rep. E. G. Chant rose on behalf of the Order in Rochester. N. Y., and extended an invitation to participate in an excursion to take place from Whitby and other points east, to that city.

Rep. W. Mowatt, from the Special Committee on the the subject, presented the following Report, which was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

We, your Committee, having had the subject of the resolution of Rep. H. Gibson, which was submitted at the last meeting of this Grand Body, under our consideration, beg to reiterate the sentiments therein expressed, "That it is advisable that a house for the shelter of aged and disabled Odd Fellows and their widows and orphans should be provided," but your Committee have not yet procured sufficient data whereon to found a definite report, and ask this Grand Body for the privilege of reporting fully on the subject at the next regular meeting of this Grand Lodge.

We therefore submit the following :—

Resolved, That the above Report be adopted.

Fraternally submitted.

WM. N. FORD,
W. MOWATT,
HENRY GIBSON,
WM. FITZSIMMONS.

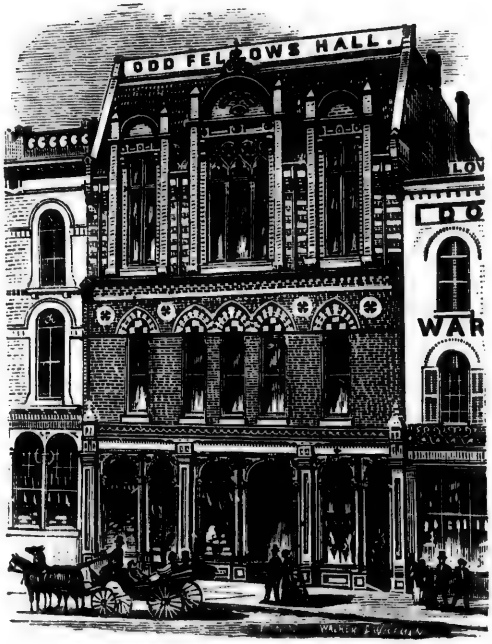
The M. W. Grand Master, with the concurrence of the Grand Lodge, appointed the following District Deputy Grand Masters :

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

NAME.	DISTRICT.	P. O. ADDRESS.
John Taylor	1	Brockville
Fife Fowler	2	Kingston
R. Tracy	3	Belleville
T. H. Vann	4 and 5	Bowmanville
R. Warriner	6	Port Perry
John Neill	7	Toronto
James Henry	8	Collingwood
J. D. Matheson	9	Brampton
Stephen Noxon	10 and 11	Walkerton
F. F. Lawrence	12	Goderich
G. W. Jessop	13	Guelph
N. T. Peatman	14	Brantford
George Midgely	15	Hamilton
Harper Wilson	16	St. Catharines
L. Ferguson	17	St Thomas
R. McWhinnie	18	Woodstock
E. R. Robinson	19	London
W. N. Ford, P. G. M.	20	St. Marys
H. McAfee, P. G. M.	21	Windsor
O. B. Hulin	22	Chatham
J. E. Durham	23	Petrolia
Cl. T. Campbell	24	Stratford

The business of the session being ended, the Grand Lodge adjourned, at six o'clock, p. m., on the third day of the session.

A. B. King.
Grand Secy.



HALL OF EASTERN STAR LODGE, NO. 72,
WHITBY.

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Twentieth Annual Communication,

HELD IN THE

CITY HALL, KINGSTON

KINGSTON, August [illegible], 18[illegible].

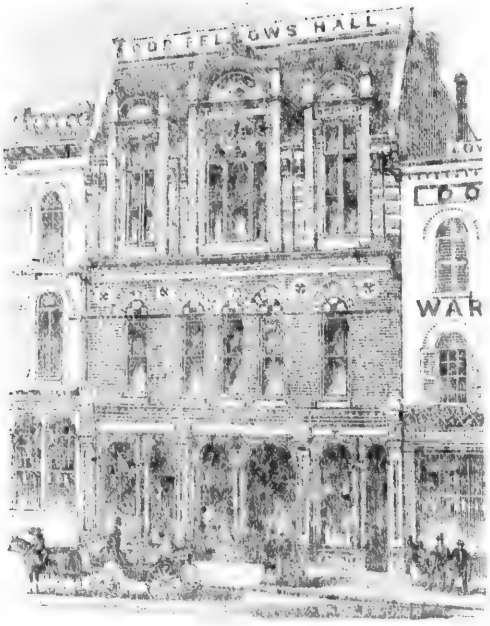
The Grand Lodge met at the City of Kingston and assembled in the City Hall, at 9 o'clock a. m., Grand Master, Bro. George Wright, presiding.

Upon the roll being called, the following were present:

GEORGE WRIGHT	M. W.	*Grand Master.*
[illegible] MARTINER	R. W.	*Deputy Grand Master.*
[illegible] BUTTERY	" "	*Grand Wardens.*
[illegible] KING	" "	*Grand Secretary.*
[illegible] CLEMENT	" "	*Grand Treasurer.*
[illegible] WOODYATT	" "	*Grand Representative.*
[illegible] GIBSON	" "	"
[illegible] MACMAHON	" "	*Grand Marshal.*
[illegible] COLL	" "	*Grand Chaplain.*
[illegible] GORDON	" "	*Grand Chaplain.*
[illegible] FITZSIMMONS	" "	*Grand Chaplain.*

The Grand Marshal and Grand Conductor [illegible] by direction, examined all present and declared them duly qualified, whereupon the R. W. Grand Chaplain offered the following prayer:

"ALMIGHTY AND ETERNAL GOD, our Creator, [illegible] we reflect Thee humble and [illegible] thanks for [illegible] during the past year [illegible] permitted [illegible] the transaction of business. We desire to [illegible] in [illegible] and we feel [illegible] without Thy [illegible] all our efforts [illegible] Look with favor [illegible] efforts to increase [illegible] and all who are in [illegible] as Thou [illegible] direct and guide us [illegible] and love may [illegible] ended, may we [illegible] the rest prepared [illegible] and with all Thy redeemed family unite in ascribing [illegible] Thy Holy Name, for ever and ever.—Amen."



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Twentieth Annual Communication,

HELD IN THE

CITY HALL, KINGSTON.

KINGSTON, August 5, 1874.

The Grand Lodge met at the City of Kingston and assembled in the City Hall, at 9 o'clock a. m. Grand Master, Bro. George Wright, presiding.

Upon the roll being called, the following were present :

GEORGE WRIGHT	*M. W. Grand Master.*
R. WARRINER	*R. W. Deputy Grand Master.*
H. E. BUTTERY	" " *Grand Warden.*
J. B. KING	" " *Grand Secretary.*
A. D. CLEMENT	" " *Grand Treasurer.*
JAMES WOODYATT	" " *Grand Representative.*
JOHN GIBSON	" " " "
J. S. MACMAHON	" " *Grand Marshal.*
H. McCOLL	" " *Grand Conductor.*
W. D. GORDON	" " *Grand Guardian.*
WM. FITZSIMMONS	" " *Grand Chaplain.*

The Grand Marshal and Grand Conductor then, by direction, examined all present and declared them duly qualified, whereupon the R. W. Grand Chaplain offered the following prayer :

ALMIGHTY AND ETERNAL GOD, our Creator, Preserver and Constant Benefactor, we render Thee humble and hearty thanks for that kind care that has watched over us during the past year, and permitted us again to assemble in Thy name for the transaction of business. We desire to acknowledge our unworthiness in Thy sight, and we feel that without Thy Divine Help all our purposes are ineffectual and all our efforts vain. Look with favor upon our beloved Order, and aid us in our efforts to increase its usefulness. Bless the widow and the orphan, and aid all who are in distress, as Thou seest they deserve. Be with us at this time ; direct and guide us in our deliberations, and grant that the spirit of peace, harmony and love may prevail among us at all times ; and when our labors on earth are ended, may we enter into the rest prepared for Thy faithful servants, and with all Thy redeemed family unite in ascribing praise to Thy Holy Name, for ever and ever.—Amen.

The R. W. Grand Marshal, by direction of the chair, proclaimed the Grand Lodge open for business.

On motion, duly seconded, P. G. Thomas Woodyatt was appointed Assistant Grand Secretary for the present session.

The chair then named the following Committee on Credentials, viz :

J. B. King, Grand Secretary ; and Reps. Charles Packert, and R. McWhinnie.

J. B. King, Grand Secretary, from the Committee on Credentials submitted the following report, which was adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

We, your Committee on Credentials, beg to report that, upon examination of the returns of the Subordinate Lodges, the following Past Grands have been duly elected Representatives, viz :

HUGH WILKINSON, JOHN BOGGS,	*Brock Lodge*	No. 9
S. G. DOLSON, W. A. RAWLINGS, J. B. McINTYRE,	*Union Lodge*	" 16
JAS. RICHARDSON, JAS. MOORE,	*Chatham Lodge*	" 29
E. R. ROBINSON, GEO. POWELL, SR., R. KIRKPATRICK,	*Eureka Lodge*	" 30
G. W. PONTINE,	*Erie Lodge*	" 33
W. S. CAMPBELL,	*Gore Lodge*	" 34
W. W. GRIFFEY, W. BALLANTINE,	*Samaritan Lodge*	" 35
JAMES CRAIG, W. N. FORD,	*St. Mary's Lodge*	" 36
J. W. FLETCHER, GEO. SHAW, J. M. WEIR,	*Forest City Lodge*	" 3
N. FLATER	*Rond' Eau Lodge*	" 40
THOMAS HENDERSON, A. SCRIMGOUR CHARLES PACKERT,	*Avon Lodge*	" 41
W. LEWIS, J. S. MACMAHON, THOS. COX,	*Excelsior Lodge*	" 44
JAMES S. EDGAR, THOS. REID,	*Frontier Lodge*	" 45
W. F. ROOME,	*Mt. Zion Lodge*	" 46
GEO. MIDGLEY, JAS. H. WILSON, J. C. WILLIAMS,	*Unity Lodge*	" 47
J. W. JONES, HENRY BELL,	*Dominion Lodge*	" 48
WILLIAM MENZIES, JOHN G. COLMAN, ROBERT DODDS,	*Canada Lodge*	" 49
WALTER ALLEN,	*Otter Lodge*	" 50
J. P. LANGLAIS,	*Bissel Lodge*	" 51
J. T. HORNIBROOK, HUGH BLAIN, T. G. McCORMICK,	*Covenant Lodge*	" 52

WM. LACEY,	*Niagara Falls Lodge*	"	53
R. C. GUERIN,			
JAMES HENRY,	*Collingwood Lodge*	"	54
JAMES BEATY,	*Fidelity Lodge*	"	55
JOS. WRIGHT,	*Queen City of Ontario.*	"	56
JAMES RICHARDS,			
J. W HUNT,			
F. G. DUNBAR,	*Maple Leaf Lodge*	"	57
H. URQUHART	*Howard Lodge*	"	58
D. M. TELFORD,			
F. FOWLER,	*Kingston Lodge*	"	59
ALEX. SMITH,			
WM. MURPHY,	*Wardsville Lodge*	"	60
MATTHEW WESTON,	*Corinthian Lodge,*	"	61
JAMES BROWN,			
F. F. LAWRENCE,	*Huron Lodge*	"	62
F. W. JOHNSTONE,			
ROBERT EVANS,	*Victoria Lodge*	"	64
J. E. DUKHAM,	*Friendship Lodge*	"	65
E. BURNHAM,			
W. P. PROWER,	*Flo. Nightingale Lodge*	"	66
D. S WEIR,			
C. SENIOR,	*Exeter Lodge*	"	67
H. BISHOP,	*North Star Lodge*	"	68
C. BARR,	*Hope Lodge*	"	69
T. HOSSACK,	*Lucan Lodge*	"	70
W. G MUTTON,			
F. T. YATES,	*Toronto Lodge*	"	71
J. HAM. BERRY,			
J. A PARKER,	*Eastern Star Lodge*	"	72
JOHN CRAIG,	*Fergus Lodge*	"	73
H. RICHARDS,	*Bothwell Lodge*	"	74
I. J. DAVIS,	*Warriner Lodge*	"	75
J. HEARD, JR.,	*St. Thomas Lodge*	"	76
L. FERGUSON,			
J. H. SYZE,	*Oxford Lodge*	"	77
J. A. MONTGOMERY,	*Durham Lodge*	"	78
J. E. WALKS,	*Nippissing Lodge*	"	79
JOHN STITT,	*Amity Lodge*	"	80
H. WALKER,	*Belleville Lodge*	"	81
J. MACNUTT,	*Beaver Lodge*	"	82
HUGH SCOTT,	*Clinton Lodge*	"	83
C. A. STEVENS,	*Walkerton Lodge*	"	84
W. H. DENNIS,	*Constellation Lodge*	"	85
JOHN GRAHAM,	*Napanee Lodge*	"	86
J. M. LAURIE,	*Empire Lodge*	"	87
JOHN READ,			
R. McWHINNIE,	*Olive Branch Lodge*	"	88
HUGH WALKER,	*Reliance Lodge*	"	89
E. E. CHIPMAN,	*Ivy Lodge*	"	90
JOHN LAWRENCE,	*Grand River Lodge*	"	91
W. PANTON.	*Milton Lodge*	"	92
THOS. G. STANTON	*Western City Lodge,*	"	93
JOHN WHITE.	*Aylmer Lodge,*	"	94
THOS. ROBINSON,	*Port Stanly Lodge,*	"	95
H. G. FLACK,	*Nith Lodge,*	"	96
WM. JAFFRAY,	*Grand Union Lodge,*	"	97
JOHN HENDERSON,	*Minto Lodge,*	"	98
JOHN LOVEL,	*Peabody Lodge,*	"	99
E. BENSON,	*Lindsay Lodge,*	"	100
J. J. BUNTING,	*Golden Star Lodge,*	"	101
ROBERT COULEY,	*Dosoronto Lodge,*	"	102
CHAS. P. LACY,	*Cataract Lodge,*	"	103
F. CLARINGBOWL,	*Crescent Lodge,*	"	104

ASAPH EDWARDS,	*Manilla Lodge,*	" 105
J. F. O'NEIL,	*St. Clair Lodge,*	" 106
H. P. NELLES,	*Waterloo Lodge,*	" 107
R. S. CONKLIN,	*Royal Oak Lodge,*	" 108
W. FREEMAN,	*Orion Lodge,*	" 109
W. BADENACH,	*Laurel Lodge,*	" 110
W. H. SCOTT,	*Peterboro Lodge,*	" 111
GEO. DOUGLASS,	*Lucknow Lodge,*	" 112
CHAL. McLANNAN,	*Trenton Lodge,*	" 113
S. McCAMMON,	*Gananoque Lodge,*	" 114
E. CAMERON,	*Hdrmony Lodge,*	" 115
H. WILSON,	*Naomi Lodge,*	" 116
J. B. MEACHAM,	*Valley City Lodge,*	" 117
HENRY LANXON,	*Shannonville Lodge,*	" 118
S. G. COX,	*Maitland Lodge,*	" 119
ASA CRONK,	*Sydenham Valley Lodge,*	" 120
F. ATKINSON,	*Saxon Lodge,*	" 121
D. BRACKENBRIDGE,	*Streetsville Lodge,*	" 122
J. W. McMILLAN,	*Palmerston Lodge,*	" 123
R. WALLACE,	*Dresden Lodge,*	" 124
ROBT. G. RUSSELL,	*Stella Lodge,*	" 125
D. McCALL,	*Sarnia Lodge,*	" 126
R. TRACY,	*Mizpah Lodge,*	" 127
AMOS GILBEBT,	*Mystic Lodge,*	" 128
J. LUCAS,	*Charity Lodge,*	" 129
F. W. McCASKIL,	*Livingstone Lodge,*	" 130
JEREMIAH CHATTERTON,	*Marion Lodge,*	" 131
W. J. GALBRAITH,	*Oakville Lodge,*	" 132
R. CLANAHAN,	*Glencoe Lodge,*	" 133
D. McCONNACHIE,	*Orient Lodge,*	" 134
W. THOMPSON,	*Peaceful Dove Lodge,*	" 135
ALEX. PRATT,	*Cobourg Lodge,*	" 136
J. MENISH,	*St. Lawrence Lodge,*	" 137
W. H. THURESON,	*Ancaster Lodge,*	" 138
H. McAFEE,	*Leamington Lodge,*	" 140
H. McGAW,	*Capital Lodge,*	" 141
JAMES BROWN,	*Concord Lodge,*	" 142
JOHN NEWTON,	*Bay of Quinte Lodge,*	" 143
O. B. HULIN,	*Ridgetown Lodge,*	" 144

We find Belleville Lodge has elected two Representatives, but is only entitled to one ; the membership of the Lodge being under 100.

We have just received a telegram from Trenton, that Bro. J. W. Beddick has been elected to represent Trenton Lodge, No. 113. We recommend that his name be submitted for C. McLennan, whose name appears on the return.

We have a certificate that Rep Cl. T. Campbell, of Avon Lodge, has resigned, and Rep. Thos. Henderson elected to fill the place. We recommend that Bro. Henderson's name be inserted in the report.

We also find that Rep. elect R. Barbour, of St. Mary's Lodge, has resigned, and P. G. M. W. N. Ford elected to fill the vacancy. We recommend that the change be made in the roll.

We find G. W. Jessop, of Reliance Lodge, has been elected to represent Garnet Lodge 139, but have received official notice that Bro. Jessop has severed his connection with the order. We recommend that the name be stricken from the roll.

We have a certificate that the Representative elect, R. Wilson, of Ridgetown Lodge, No. 144, has resigned, and Rep. O. B. Hulin elected to fill the vacancy. We recommend that the change be made.

We also find certificates for the following Past Grands:

JOHN P. LANGLAIS,	*Bissell Lodge,*	*No.* 51
WM. SUNLEY,	*Reliance Lodge,*	" 89
J. A. McMURTRY,	*Lindsay Lodge,*	" 100
W. H. MARSH,	*Warriner Lodge,*	" 75
C. B. RODGERS,	*Warriner Lodge,*	" 75

DUNCAN McLEAN,	*Manilla Lodge,*	" 105
JOHN TWOHEY,	*Manilla Lodge,*	" 105
S. B. ROBERTS,	*Warriner Lodge,*	" 75
GEO LEE,	*Kingston Lodge,*	" 59
SAMUEL BARDER,	*Flo. Nightingale Lodge,*	" 66
F. T. RICE,	*Frontier Lodge,*	" 45

Your Committee therefore recommend that the Representatives and Past Grands above named be admitted and instructed in the Grand Lodge Degree.

We therefore submit the following:

Resolved,—That the foregoing report be adopted.

Fraternally submitted.

J. B. KING,
CHAS. PACKERT,
R. McWHINNIE.

The Representatives and Past Grands were then admitted, obligated and instructed in the Grand Lodge Degree.

The following was adopted, moved by J. Woodyatt, P. G. M., seconded by H. McAfee, P. G. M.:

Resolvrd,– That the minutes of the last session as printed and distributed be adopted.

The M. W. Grand Master rose to read his annual report, when the following was resolved in the affirmative:

Moved by H. McAfee, P. G. M., seconded by Jas. Woodyatt, P. G. M., and

Resolved,--That the reports of the M. W. Grand Master and R. W. Grand Secretary, as printed, be distributed; that the reading of the same by the respective officers be dispensed with, and that they be referred to the Committee on Distribution.

GRAND MASTER'S REPORT.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:

OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES,—At the close of another year's labors in the cause of Oddfellowship we meet again in Annual Session for the transaction of business. It affords me very great satisfaction to be able to congratulate you upon the signal success which has followed our efforts in every department of our benevolent work. We have been providentially preserved from misfortune of a serious nature, and the work has advanced in all directions with a harmony and steadiness in most respects very satisfactory.

1. The following Lodges have been instituted during the year under dispensation, and Charters are herewith recommended for the same:

Sydenham Valley	Lodge No.	120	Wallaceburg	Sept.	5
Saxon	"	121	Ailsa Craig	"	17
Streetsville	"	122	Streetsville	Nov.	28
Palmerston	"	123	Palmerston	Jan.	1
Dresden	"	124	Dresden	"	8
Stella	"	125	Carleton Place	"	23
Sarnia	"	126	Sarnia	"	26
Mizpah	"	127	Belleville	Feb.	6
Mystic	"	128	Killbride	"	19
Charity	"	129	Sunderland	March	3
Livingstone	"	130	Thorold	"	3

Marion	"	131	Renfrew	"	4
Oakville	"	132	Oakville	"	9
Glencoe	"	133	Glencoe	"	11
Orient	"	134	Welland	"	25
Peaceful Dove	"	135	Cannington	"	26
Cobourg	"	136	Cobourg	"	30
St. Lawrence	"	137	Brockville	April	10
Ancaster	"	138	Ancaster	"	14
Garnet	"	139	Mount Forest	"	29
Leamington	"	140	Leamington	May	7
Capital	"	142	Ottawa	"	13
Concord	"	142	Kingsville	"	25
Bay of Quinte	"	143	Picton	June	5
Ridgetown	"	144	Ridgetown	"	11
Riverside	"	145	Iroquois		
Vivian	"	146	Arnprior	July	22
Model	"	147	Wyoming	"	29

The above list, as will be seen, exhibits a most gratifying advance upon any previous year's operation in the matter of organizing new Lodges. I am sure it will strike the most sanguine as even exceeding what they might reasonably have expected ; and is only an additional testimony borne to the increasingly high estimation in which the principles of our beloved institution are held by the public.

With two exceptions, all these Lodges have been instituted by the Deputies of the Districts in which they are located. As you relieved me from visitations by the change you made last year, I have entrusted this part of the work almost entirely to the District Officers ; and I think there is no reason to regret that the step was taken.

2. As soon as convenient after entering upon the duties of my office, I issued a circular to the District Deputies throughout the jurisdiction, reminding them of the increased duties and responsibilities of their office, and impressing upon them the importance of using every effort to promote the progress of the Order in their several Districts. I have reason to hope that this circular has not been without favorable results .

3. In the month of October last a very urgent appeal was made by the R.W. Deputy Grand Sire to all the jurisdictions upon this continent, in behalf of the sufferers by yellow fever in the cities of Memphis and Shreveport. On mutual consultation, the Executive thought it desirable to send immediate aid. We, therefore, appropriated, and sent with all convenient despatch, $100 from the Grand Lodge funds. We also thought the case of sufficient import to appeal to the Subordinate Lodges for help, and accordingly issued a circular to this intent. I am pleased to observe that the appeal met with a most liberal response and that the very munificent fund of $947 50 was contributed by the jurisdiction. I submit the action upon the distressing subject with the fullest assurance that it will meet with your entire approval.

4. A very considerable number of questions have been submitted to me during the year. The greater number of them have been answered so frequently, both by my predecessors and this Right Worthy Grand Lodge, through its Committee on the State of the Order from year to year, that I deem it unnecessary more explicitly to refer to them. A few, however, demand more than a passing notice.

Query 1.—"Where a Lodge expels a brother, within what time must he appeal from the decision of the Lodge, in order to have the matter brought up before the Grand Lodge ?"

My answer was in substance, as follows: The matter has been left for local legislation by the Supreme Grand Lodge. This Jurisdiction has not legislated upon it. I see no hindrance, therefore, to a brothers presenting his appeal at any time convenient to himself before the session of Grand Lodge, following the action of the Subordinate Lodge.

Query 2.—"If a member holding the office of D. D. G M. takes his Withdrawal Card from the Lodge with which he was connected, and does not deposit it in another Lodge, does he continue to be D.D.G.M. by virtue of his appointment, and can he discharge the duties of the office while he holds the Withdrawal Card?"

Answer.—No.

Query 3.—"Can the installing officer demand the Semi-Annual Returns and Grand Lodge tax, and would he be justified in refusing to proceed with the installation ceremony if, instead of giving them to him, the Lodge decided to send them to the Grand Secretary, as directed by the Constitution?"

Answer.—Yes if he is a properly authorized officer.

Query 4.—"Can a Lodge pay out of its funds money for the hire of a Band to attend a Brother's funeral?"

My answer was substantially as follows:—Local law regulates the matter to some extent; but a Lodge would not be warranted in exceeding the amount specified by its By-laws as the sum devoted to funeral expenses on the decease of a Brother.

I cannot leave this subject without one or two observations. I find that, in very many instances, questions have been submitted to me directly without any recognition of the Deputy for the District whence they emanate. It is scarcely necessary for me to say that this is unjust to your District officers, and, in addition, entails an unnecessary amount of labor upon your presiding officer. I am persuaded that any efficient D. D. could dispose of nine out of ten of all the questions submitted to me during the past year almost at sight. It is most important that it should be distinctly understood by all the Subordinate Lodges that their only legitimate channel of appeal is through the Deputy for their own District. I am sensible that, in most instances, this want of courtesy is not deliberate, and I therefore think it the more desirable that the Lodges should be made to understand their duty, as well as their privilege, upon this important point.

5. After a year's experience of the arrangement consummated at the last session of this R. W. Grand Body, by which the jurisdiction was divided into Districts of certain definite limits, and the management of those Districts placed in the hands of Deputies, it may reasonably be expected that I should offer an expression of opinion upon its success and the expediency of its continuance. I must own to having felt great anxiety at the beginning of the year, lest the Order might suffer in consequence of the change. I soon became satisfied, however, that under judicious management, and with efficient District officers, the interests of the Order would be materially subserved, and the most unequivocal benefit would result. Additional experience on the part of these officers, with the same amount of fidelity to the trust reposed in them as has characterized many of the District Deputies during the past year, will give results such as, I am sure, will leave it beyond the doubt in the mind of any candid person that the present arrangement, with such modifications as may from time to time be deemed expedient for its greater effectiveness, will prove a great boon to the jurisdiction.

Before leaving this branch of my Report, I desire to make one suggestion which commends itself to me from the experience of the past year. In my humble judgment, the rotation of officers is not always expedient. When, for instance, we find that we have a Deputy in any District whose services to the Order in his special jurisdiction have been, in all regards, efficient and acceptable to the majority of those in whose interests he has been laboring, he ought to be continued in the office, if he is willing to accept the honor and responsibility at the hands of the presiding officer. One year's incumbency of the office will be barely sufficient for him to acquire such experience as it is most essential he should have. I shall be glad, therefore, to see this principle adopted, not only with regard to this, but all other offices of the Grand Lodge.

6. I am compelled to repeat the same complaint as I find has been pretty uniformly made by my predecessors, regarding the failure of the District Deputies to report according to instructions. This is a grave omission under the new order of things, as the entire oversight of the Lodges in each District has been placed in the hands of these officers. The presiding officer of the jurisdiction can, therefore, only have a causual knowledge of the condition and prospects of the Order at any point, unless these reports are faithfully forwarded at the proper time. It might be well, for a time at least, for the Grand Master to issue a circular to the Deputies at the close of each term, reminding them of this essential point in their duties. In many cases, doubtless, the omission is the result of forgetfulness until the time has passed.

7. A great many applications have been made during the year for dispensations for various purposes, the most prominent among which have been those to enable the members of Subordinate Lodges to wear regalia at certain public demonstrations. I have invariably discouraged the parade of our regalia outside of our own Lodge rooms, but have, of course, yielded when pressed, to previously established precedent. I should be glad if this Grand Lodge would let its voice be heard upon this question during its present Session.

8. A number of new Halls have been dedicated to the principles and usages of our Order during the year. It has been my privilege to be present and share in the festivities of three of those interesting occasions. I am bound to say that, where I have had the opportunity of judging as to the comfort, convenience and elegance of our Halls, they have uniformly given evidence of a degree of self-denying energy, enterprise and good taste, second to those of no other kindred Society in existence.

9. At the last Annual Session of the Supreme Grand Lodge of United States, it was agreed, with very great unanimity, that a history of Odd-Fellowship upon this continent would be highly desirable ; and Bro. Ridgely, the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, was very judiciously selected to undertake the work. I received a communication from this very Worthy Brother in April last, inviting co-operation from this jurisdiction. As a complete history of our Order from its inauguration in America until the present, would be a most valuable treasure, I trust that you will adopt such legislation in the premises as will materially aid Bro. Ridgely in his work, and give Oddfellowship in Ontario its proper status among the various jurisdictions on this continent.

10. I venture to submit some suggestions for your consideration during the present session. As the number of Lodges has very considerably increased in some Districts during the past year, thus entailing very heavy responsibilities upon the Deputies, I would suggest a readjustment in several cases.

11. I find that the subject of appeal in its details, has been left entirely to local legislation. As this is a matter of vital importance, and this jurisdiction has adopted no legislation upon the subject, I would suggest the propriety of immediate action. Following precedent, as found in other legislative bodies, there need not be a moment's hesitation. But, apart from this, expediency, in my judgment, demands some judicious modification of our constitution by which this question can be put in definite shape, so as to render it necessary that appeals should be presented according to a prescribed form and within some limited time after the action of the Subordinate Lodge.

12. The year has passed without any very serious complications requiring Executive interference. Several appeals have, however, been placed in my hands, one against my own ruling, and others by brethren against the action of their Lodges. In the case of one of these appeals, I am pleased to say, such a compromise has been effected by mutual consultation with those more immediately concerned, as is entirely satisfactory to all, without the slightest detriment to any of the grand principles of the Order. Others of these appeals have been laid over for your own adjudication. It will, therefore, be unnecessary for me further to refer to them.

13. There is one other subject which, it seems to me, fairly claims some consideration at your hands. The basis upon which representation to this Grand Lodge is established does not strike me as altogether just. As the law now stands, for instance, Subordinate Lodges must pay *per capita* tax upon *all* their members, while, in the election of representatives, the number of such representatives is regulated entirely by the number of members in good standing. It would seem to me to be only reasonable that, if Lodges are compelled to pay *per capita* tax for all their members, they should be represented at this R. W. Grand Body upon the same principle. I commend this subject to your serious consideration, with full confidence that you will be able to legislate so as to meet the difficulty in a satisfactory way.

14. As will be seen from the report of my predecessor last year, Barrie Lodge had then ceased to be in active operation, and grave fears were very justly entertained lest a surrender of the charter would be the issue. It is very gratifying to me to be able to say that negotiations having in view the resuscitation of the Lodge, were opened in the month of May with Bro. King. The necessary instructions were at once communicated to the brethren who made the application, and the Grand Secretary and myself visited Barrie on the 15th of July. After a careful enquiry into the previous history of the Lodge and the causes which led to its failure, we organized it according to prescribed regulations. I am now hopeful that with the lesssons of the past and such aid as I have endeavored to secure towards rendering the brethren more efficient in the discharge of their official duties, Barrie Lodge need not give us any further cause for solicitude. One observation may not be inopportune before leaving this subject. I was strongly impressed from the history of this Lodge with the urgent necessity there is when a new Lodge is organized at any point distant from those already

in operation, for making ample provision that suitable instruction both as to the secret work and as to the proper management of all its affairs may be communicated to its first officers. I very much fear that this is a great want in many of our new Lodges; and I would like to impress upon all brethren who undertake the work of District Deputies, the imperative duty of watching faithfully over all the Lodges committed to their care. No brother should accept the position, under the present arrangement, unless he is prepared to pay at least two official visits during the year to every Lodge in his District.

15. Pursuant to the instructions of Grand Lodge at its last session, relative to the case of Bro. McMath vs. Erie Lodge, I entrusted the investigation to Bro. Ferguson, of St. Thomas, the D. D. for that District, and, at his request for aid in the matter, associated with him Bro. McWhinnie, the D. D. for the adjoining District, who very kindly placed his services at my disposal. The report of these brethren will be submitted for your consideration and will, I trust, be satisfactory to all concerned.

16. I regret to say that in consequence of the severance by Bro. G. W. Jessop, of his connection with the Order, and pressing business engagements in the case of Bro. Mowat, it has been necessary to appoint new Auditors for the year. The securing of substitutes has been a matter of considerable embarrassment by reason of the lateness of the hour at which I became acquainted with the inability of these brethren to discharge the duty to which you appointed them a year ago. I am pleased to say, however, that through the kindness of Bros. W. Badenach, of Toronto, and A. R. Narraway, of Brantford, I succeeded in securing efficient and timely aid; and I am persuaded that the labors of these brethren will be altogether satisfactory.

Lest my arrangement of the Committee on the Laws of Subordinates may strike some brethren as somewhat unusual, I desire to offer a word of explanation. I found, on looking over the list of representatives to this Grand Lodge, that two of the brethren who formerly acted upon this Committee had not been elected by their Lodges as representatives. It was found, moreover, that the expenses of the present session promised to be unusually heavy; because the great majority of the Lodges are situated far to the west of this city, thus rendering mileage and *per diem* a very heavy item of expense. As a matter of economy, therefore, as well as from the assurance that the brethren substituted would give entire satisfaction, I have thought it wise to make the change. This principle, I may add, has been adopted in the arrangement of all the other standing Committees.

I should be doing violence to all the higher and more generous feelings of our nature if I were to conclude this report without a word expressive of my deep indebtedness to all the Brethren whose aid and counsel I have solicited during my imcumbency of the very responsible office to which you elected me a year ago. All with whom I have come in contact in the discharge of my official duties, have treated me with a generosity and consideration above what I felt that I deserved. To the R. W. Grand Secretary I am under special obligation for the promptitude and precision with which he has discharged his duties, and for the many useful hints he has frequently given me, always with a delicacy and courtesy which inspired me with confidence. That he may long be spared to labor in his present capacity with the same fidelity

as has thus far characterized the administration of the duties of his office, is my most earnest wish.

And now, Brethren of the Grand Lodge, I summon you to the despatch of business, with the devout prayer that you may have Divine direction in all the deliberations of the present Session.

Yours fraternally,

GEORGE WRIGHT,

Grand Master.

The M. W. Grand Secretary submitted his Annual Report as follows:

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario I. O. O. F.

In obedience to the law requiring the same, I beg to submit my eighth Annual Report of the doings of the Subordinate Lodges under your jurisdiction, and in doing so must again congratulate this Grand Lodge upon the very marked progress made during the year—at no time in the history of the Order in this jurisdiction have we had such abundant cause for thankfulness as at present.

1. Immediately after the close of last session I compiled the minutes of the same and called for tenders for printing the Journal of 1873. The tenders of Messrs. Siddons and Dawson, of London, was the lowest, when the cost of sending MSS. and proofs back and forward was considered, in connection with the tender, it made it exceed the tender of the *Expositor* office. I accordingly consulted the M. W Grand Master and the Committee on Printing on the subject and the contract was awarded to the last mentioned office. As soon as the Journal was printed I sent the usual number of copies to each Lodge, also one copy to each officer, Past Grand Master, and to each State Grand Lodge and the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States.

I also asked from the local printing offices tenders for printing circulars, &c., as required during the year. The *Expositor* being the lowest and otherwise satisfactory, I accepted.

2. Agreeably to a resolution, page ——, Journal of 1873, I forwarded resolution of thanks to the several railway companies, for the reduced rates of fare to our last session, and in may last I requested from the same, as also from the Canadian Navigation Company, reduced rates to Kingston, which I received, as reported to the Lodges by circular of July 1st ult. The Toronto and Nipissing Railway required a guarantee of twenty-five passengers before they would issue tickets at reduced rates. Not being in a position to comply with this requirement I was unable to secure reduced rates by this road.

3. In pursuance of a resolution to that effect, I have prepared a new form of Semi-Annual Returns, which I believe is more simple in its arrangement than the former Returns, therefore, more easily filled up by the Secretaries. It calls for information sought for by the Grand Lodge of the United States, and which, if correctly given, will be of uncalculable benefit to the Order; it is the cost of working the Lodges. Many Lodges seem, from their report to be reckless of expenses, regardless of the fact that they promise to each member on his admission a

certain benefit, and it is only by a strict economy in the management of the current expenses of the Lodge that it can fulfil its promises. The accompanying statistical report will show the position of each Lodge in this particular. I would recommend that Lodges having old form of Return book be allowed to exchange the same for the new at cost, say forty cents; other Lodges to be charged (75) seventy-five cents each.

4. At the last session of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States the Degree work was revised. It was ordered that the new work should be exchanged for the old at an expense of fifty cents for each copy exchanged. As soon as the new edition was received I issued a circular to the Lodges to that effect. Most of the Lodges have made the exchange. The old books returned by the Lodges have been burned by order of the Grand Lodge, U. S., and a credit allowed for the same.

5. A number of Lodges have sent in their By-laws for approval, some requesting me to read and return approved or otherwise, at once. Not having such authority I could not comply with their request. New Lodges labor under great difficulty before they get their By-laws printed, and to obviate this I would suggest that legislation be had, either in the shape of a model code of By-laws, or empowering the Committee on Laws of Subordinates to approve new By-laws during the year. All the By-laws submitted are in the hands of the Committee on Laws of Subordinates.

6. A number of appeals have been presented and await your action.

7. During the current year, embracing the returns of two full terms ending 30th July, 1874, there has been received the following amounts of money, a detailed statement of which supplements this Report :—

Per Capita Tax - - - - - -	$3864 75
Supplies - - - - - -	1387 79
Charters - - - - - - -	910 00
Interest (as per Grand Treasurer's Statement)	61 04
Total - - - - - -	$6223 58

8. It is of the utmost importance that some legislation be had at the present session with a view to having the Returns of Lodges sent in more promptly, else it will be entirely impossible for your Grand Secretary to submit as correct a report of the doings of the Lodges as you really require. Until my report closes I cannot make a footing of the various items and consequently cannot give a comparison which would be interesting and instructive. I have kept my report open from the 15th of July until the 27th, hoping to get in the Returns of Districts Nos. 5 and 8, but at that late date I was compelled to close without them, after which there is barely time to get the books closed and Report printed in time for the annual meeting.

9. As soon as the printed Journal of Proceedings of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States was received, I sent one copy to each Lodge each Past Grand Master, and each Officer of the Grand Lodge.

10. The printed proceedings of the several State Grand Lodges have been duly received and are now on file in my office; they contain a vast amount of useful information, and shew that the Order in each State is rapidly progressing, and nobly accomplishing the mission designed by its authors.

11. During the year warrants has been issued for twenty-eight new Lodges, each of which have been instituted. There are now one hundred and fourteen working Lodges, with a total membership of 8488

members; being an increase of twenty-nine Lodges (Barrie Lodge having been resuscitated) and 1714 members over last report, with the Returns of five Lodges to come in, viz: Collingwood, 54; Florence Nightingale, 66; North Star, 68; Durham, 78; and Gananoque, 114. (These returns are now all received and included in statistical tables.)

12. Immediately prior to our last Session, I received notice from Niagara Falls Lodge, No. 53, that they have delivered two Pictorial Charge Books to the Grand Master, Bro. J. Murray, and requested credit for the same. Having ascertained from Bro. Murray that the books were in his possession, I gave the Lodge credit. When the books were returned they proved not to be the Pictorial edition, and I charged the Lodge accordingly. The sum, three dollars, ($3) has been paid, but under protest.

13. By enactment of the last session of the Local Legislature, provision was made whereby our Grand Lodge may become incorporated. I therefore requested P. G. Thomas Woodyatt to prepare the necessary papers for that purpose, which are herewith submitted, and on which the necessary action should be taken.

14. The following is a statement of the donations made by the several Lodges, in response to a circular issued by the M. W. Grand Master for aid of the sufferers by Yellow Fever epidemic in Memphis and Shreveport. The correspondence of which is herewith submitted:

STATEMENT OF RELIEF RECEIVED BY THE GRAND SECRETARY FOR MEMPHIS AND SHREVEPORT DURING THE YELLOW FEVER EPIDEMIC.

	Memphis.	Shreveport
Eureka Lodge No. 30	$25 00	
Forest City Lodge No. 38	25 00	
Grand River Lodge No. 91	10 00	10 00
Saxon Lodge No 121	5 00	5 00
Lindsay Lodge No. 100	33 10	
Peabody Lodge No. 99	10 00	
Harmony Lodge No. 115	6 25	6 25
Nipissing Lodge No. 79	5 00	5 00
St. Thomas Lodge No. 76	10 00	10 00
Western City Lodge No. 93	10 00	
Howard Lodge No. 58	20 00	20 00
Gore Lodge No. 34	14 30	12 25
Valley City Lodge No. 117	25 00	
Canada Lodge No. 49	20 00	20 00
Belleville Lodge No. 81	12 50	12 50
Golden Star Lodge No. 101	10 00	10 00
Huron Lodge No 62	31 50	31 50
Nith Lodge No 96	10 00	10 00
Unity Lodge No. 47	25 00	
Naomi Lodge No. 116	8 00	8 00
Royal Oak Lodge No. 108		10 00
Crescent Lodge Lodge No. 104	25 00	
Chatham Lodge No. 29	12 50	12 50
Rond Eau Lodge No. 40	27 00	
Friendship Lodge No. 65	20 00	
Durham Lodge No. 78	25 00	25 00
Minto Lodge No 98	10 50	10 50
Milton Lodge No. 92	20 00	
Bothwell Lodge No. 74	10 00	10 00
Exeter Lodge No. 37	5 00	5 00
Lucknow Lodge No. 112	27 00	
Port Stanley Lodge No. 95	6 75	6 75
Bissel Lodge No. 51	15 00	15 00
Fergus Lodge No. 73	10 00	10 00

	Memphis.	Shreveport.
Peterborough Lodge No. 111	5 00	5 00
St. Clair Lodge No. 106	25 00	
Lucan Lodge No. 70	12 50	12 50
Covenant Lodge No 52	15 00	15 00
Clinton Lodge No. 83	10 00	10 00
Hope Lodge No. 69	5 00	5 00
Maple Leaf Lodge No. 57	12 50	12 50
Kingston Lodge No. 59	12 50	12 50
Brock Lodge No. 9	50 00	
Corinthian Lodge No. 61	12 50	12 50
Amity Lodge No. 80	5 00	5 00
Union Lodge No. 16	20 00	
Orion Lodge No. 109	20 00	20 00
Niagara Falls Lodge		25 00
Manilla Lodge No. 105	10 00	
Grand Union Lodge No. 97	12 50	12 50
The Toronto Lodge No. 71	40 00	
Otter Lodge No. 50	20 00	
Waterloo Lodge No. 107	25 00	
Aylmer Lodge No. 94		20 00
Queen City of Ontario Lodge No. 56		25 90
Maitland Lodge No. 119		14 00
	$600 75	$360 75
Memphis		$600 75
		$961 50

15. A change having been made by the Grand Lodge of the United States in the prices of supplies, I would suggest that the present schedule of prices of this Grand Lodge be referred to a Committee for revision.

16. With regard to certain Supplies procured and sold to Lodges during the past year, I would say, that a number of new Lodges requested me to furnish them with a complete outfit, as they could not, in there several localities (some in very small towns) procure suitable books, blanks, etc. I therefore deemed for the best interest of the Lodge and of this Grand Lodge to get a number printed, which I did, and have sold them at prices considerably less than the same supplies could be gotten up for singly, and have given general satisfaction. I submit my action in this respect for your approval, and if satisfactory, would suggest that the course adopted be continued during the coming year.

17. The Desk procured a few years since—though thought at the time large enough to meet the requirements of the Grand Lodge for some time to come—is now too small. The very largely increased number of Lodges, makes greater office accommodation necessary. I would suggest that the Grand Secretary be instructed to procure a suitable Desk for his office, and to sell the Desks now in use.

18. The large and varied correspondence of the past year, together with the accompanying Tables and Statements, are herewith submitted.

19. In conclusion, I have again to tender to all officers and mem-

bers with whom I have had the pleasure of corresponding during the year my warmest thanks for many courtesies extended, and for their continued confidence.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

S. B. King.
Grand Secy.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

BY THE GRAND SECRETARY; YEAR ENDING JULY 31ST, 1874.

Date.		LODGE.	Number.	Charter Fee.	Supplies.	Cap. Tax.	Total.
1873				$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.
Aug.	5	Maitland	119	30 00	....	...	30 00
"	5	Niagara Falls	53	..	3 75	..	3 75
"	5	Digest, two Copies		...	5 00	..	5 00
"	5	Otter	50	..	4 97	..	4 97
"	5	Waterloo	107	..	1 80	..	1 80
"	5	Grand River	91	...	2 00	..	2 00
"	5	Gananoque	114	...	2 50	..	2 50
"	5	Milton	92	..	25	..	25
"	5	Florence Nightingale	66	..	5 50	..	5 50
"	5	St. Clair	106	..	5 00	..	5 00
"	5	Eastern Star	72	...	6 50	..	6 50
"	14	Napanee	86	..	4 25	..	4 25
"	19	Eureka	30	..	2 50	..	2 50
"	20	Sydenham Valley	120	30 00	....	..	30 00
Sept.	10	Eureka	30	...	6 00	..	6 00
"	10	Union	16	...	6 50	...	6 50
"	12	Sydenham Valley	120	..	22 40	..	22 40
"	22	Unity	47	..	6 00	...	6 00
Oct.	2	Western City	93	..	2 00	..	2 00
"	2	St. Clair	106	..	1 50	..	1 50
"	24	Chatham	29	..	1 00	..	1 00
"	28	Covenant	52	..	22 00	...	22 00
"	28	Palmerston	123	30 00	....	..	30 00
"	28	Collingwood	54	..	3 00	..	3 00
"	31	Grand River	91	..	6 50	...	6 50
Nov.	11	Streetsville	122	30 00	....	..	30 00
"	12	Union	16	..	3 00	..	3 00
"	28	Forest City	38	..	3 25	..	3 25
"	28	Manitoba	1	..	6 50	..	6 50
"	28	Sarnia	126	30 00	....	..	30 00
Dec.	2	Friendship	65	..	12 50	..	12 50
"	13	Fergus	73	..	4 03	..	4 03
"	19	Samaritan	35	...	2 00	..	2 00
"	20	Dresden	124	30 00	....	...	30 00
"	21	Clinton	83	...	3 00	..	3 00
"	31	Golden Star	101	..	14 45	...	14 45
1874							
Jan.	1	Nith	96	.	37	...	37
"	1	Bissell	51	..	10 37	...	10 37
"	5	Friendship	65	...	....	31 50	31 50
"	6	Royal Oak	108	..	31 65	..	31 65

Statement of Receipts—*Continued.*

Date.		LODGE.	Number.	Charter Fee.	Supplies.	Cap Tax.	Total.
1874				$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.
Jan.	6	Bissell	51	...	.....	23 25	23 25
"	8	Amity	80	..	16 50	.....	16 50
"	8	Walkerton	84	..	....	12 25	12 25
"	9	Rond Eau	40	..	....	16 75	16 75
"	9	Sydenham Valley	120	..	.....	3 75	3 75
"	9	Western City	93	..	....	20 75	20 75
"	9	Chatham	29	...	....	41 75	41 75
"	10	Dresden	124	..	25 40	.....	25 40
"	10	Peabody	99	..	....	6 00	6 00
"	15	Forest City	38	..	....	72 75	72 75
"	15	Howard	58	..	.....	34 25	34 25
"	15	Wardsville	60	...	.....	12 50	12 50
"	15	Hope	69	..	..	5 25	5 25
"	15	E. R. Robinson	....	..	2 50	....	2 50
"	15	Avon	41	..	.....	48 00	48 00
"	15	Nith	96	..	....	8 25	8 25
"	15	Grand Union	97	..	....	13 00	13 00
"	15	Kingston	59	..	3 00	26 75	29 75
"	15	Napanee	86	..	....	17 25	17 25
"	17	Stella	125	30 00	....	.....	30 00
"	17	Brock	9	..	.....	38 00	38 00
"	19	Frontier	45	...	.. .	37 50	37 50
"	19	Beaver	82	..	.....	9 00	9 00
"	20	Amity	80	..	.....	18 00	18 00
"	20	Lindsay	100	..	40	17 25	17 65
"	20	Royal Oak	108	..	....	10 00	10 00
"	20	St. Clair	106	..	....	13 25	13 25
"	20	Aylmer	94	..	....	18 25	18 25
"	20	Chatham	29	..	....	50	50
"	20	Huron	62	..	3 00	23 50	26 50
"	20	Fidelity	55	..	....	22 50	22 50
"	20	Lucknow	112	..	....	7 00	7 00
"	20	Clinton	83	..	....	9 50	9 50
"	20	Maitland	119	..	....	8 00	8 00
"	20	Exeter	67	..	2 94	8 25	11 09
"	20	Mizpah	127	30 00	.. ..	.....	30 00
"	22	Dominion	48	...	....	39 75	39 75
"	22	Eureka	30	..	....	65 75	65 75
"	22	Bothwell	74	..	....	15 00	15 00
"	23	Samaritan	35	..	1 00	.....	1 00
"	23	Western City	93	..	3 00	....	3 00
"	26	Gore	34	..	4 50	25 25	29 75
"	26	Grand River	91	..	.....	18 25	18 75
"	26	Waterloo	107	...	....	9 00	9 00
"	26	Harmony	115	..	....	3 50	3 00
"	26	Reliance	89	...	7 43	21 75	29 18
"	26	Fergus	78	..	1 25	18 25	19 50
"	26	Minto	98	..	2 00	10 50	12 50
"	27	Excelsior	44	..	....	51 25	51 25
"	27	Unity	47	..	....	49 75	49 75
"	27	Crescent	104	..	....	16 00	16 00
"	27	Valley City	117	..	36 20	8 00	44 20
"	27	Victoria	64	..	....	22 75	22 75
"	28	Maple Leaf	57	...	.....	14 00	14 00
"	29	Maitland	119	...	29 95	....	29 95
"	29	Otter	50	..	.....	22 50	22 50
"	29	Samaritan	35	...	....	44 50	44 50

Statement of Receipts—*Continued.*

Date.		LODGE.	Number.	Charter Fee.	Supplies.	Cap Tax.	Total.
1874				$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.
Jan.	29	Oxford	77	....	.....	22 00	22 00
"	29	Olive Branch	88	....	....	17 75	17 75
"	29	Constellation	85	....	....	7 25	7 25
"	30	Erie	33	....	....	13 50	13 50
"	30	St. Thomas	76	....	.....	27 50	27 50
"	30	Port Stanley	95	....	....	7 50	7 50
Feb.	2	Lucan	70	....	....	12 75	12 75
"	2	Ivy	90	....	.....	16 75	16 75
"	2	St. Marys	36	....	....	23 00	23 00
"	2	Saxon	121	....	....	6 75	6 75
"	2	Union	16	....	....	50 75	50 75
"	2	Niagara Falls	53	....	....	24 00	24 00
"	2	Empire	87	....	....	22 50	22 50
"	2	Cataract	103	....	....	6 25	6 25
"	2	Marion	131	30 00	....	....	30 00
"	2	Belleville	81	....	75	25 00	25 75
"	2	Dosoronto	102	....	....	8 75	8 75
"	3	St. Marys	36	....	....	50	50
"	4	Milton	92	....	6 00	15 50	21 50
"	4	Golden Star	101	....	.....	19 00	19 00
"	4	Orion	109	....	....	12 50	12 50
"	4	Streetsville	122	....	....	6 25	6 25
"	4	Mystic	128	30 00	.....	....	30 00
"	5	Naomi	116	....	33 20	....	33 20
"	5	Mt. Zion	46	....	.....	6 75	6 75
"	6	Glencoe	133	30 00	.....	.....	30 00
"	6	Warriner	75	....	2 00	22 25	24 25
"	6	Corinthian	61	....	9 00	28 25	37 25
"	6	Manilla	105	....	....	12 50	12 50
"	6	Nipissing	79	....	....	13 50	13 50
"	6	Eastern Star	72	....	....	24 50	24 50
"	7	Sarnia	126	....	29 95	....	29 95
"	17	Shannonville	118	....	.....	3 50	3 50
"	17	Trenton	113	....	....	5 00	5 00
"	20	Collingwood	54	....	....	14 50	14 50
"	20	North Star	68	....	....	7 75	7 75
"	21	Excelsior	44	....	9 25	....	9 25
"	21	Sydenham Valley	120	....	5 25	....	5 25
"	21	Florence Nightingale	66	....	.....	25 00	25 00
"	21	Durham	78	....	.....	15 25	15 25
"	21	Peterboro	111	....	.....	12 25	12 25
"	24	Canada	49	....	12 75	.....	12 75
"	24	Cobourg	136	30 00	....	....	30 00
"	24	Rond Eau	40	....	3 00	....	3 00
"	26	Union	16	....	3 00	3 00	6 00
"	26	Empire	87	....	3 00	.....	3 00
"	26	Livingstone	130	30 00	....	.....	30 00
"	26	Charity	129	30 00	....	....	30 00
"	26	Eastern Star	72	....	3 00	....	3 00
"	26	H. W. Murdock	....	....	25	.....	25
"	27	Oakville	132	30 00	....	....	30 00
"	28	Dresden	124	....	9 50	....	9 50
Mar.	4	Saxon	121	30 00	.....	.....	30 00
"	4	Gananoque	114	....	....	6 00	6 00
"	7	Fidelity	55	....	1 00	....	1 00
"	7	Yale Degree	4	....	3 50	.....	3 50
"	10	Maple Leaf	57	....	1 00	.....	1 00

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Date.		LODGE.	Number.	Charter Fee.	Supplies.	Cap Tax.	Total.
1874				$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.
Mar.	11	Glencoe	133	..	34 20	...	34 20
"	11	Western City	93	..	1 00	..	1 00
"	11	Chatham	29	..	2 00	..	2 00
"	11	Rond Eau	40	..	1 00	..	1 00
"	11	Bothwell	74	..	1 00	..	1 00
"	11	Constellation	85	..	1 00	..	1 00
"	13	Grand River	91	..	1 00	..	1 00
"	13	Fergus	73	..	1 00	...	1 00
"	13	Amity	80	...	1 00	...	1 00
"	14	Cataract	103	.	1 00	..	1 00
"	16	Peaceful Dove	135	30 00	.....	..	30 00
"	18	Florence Nightingale	66	..	1 00	..	1 00
"	18	Golden Star	101	..	1 00	..	1 00
"	18	North Star	105	...	1 00	..	1 00
"	18	Erie	33	..	4 00	..	4 00
"	18	Orient	134	30 00	.....	..	30 00
"	18	Otter	50	.	4 00	..	4 00
"	18	Oxford	77	..	1 00	..	1 00
"	18	Samaritan	35	...	1 00	...	1 00
"	20	Naomi	116	...	50	...	50
"	20	Clinton	83	..	1 00	..	1 00
"	20	Beaver	92	..	1 50	..	1 50
"	20	St. Lawrence	137	30 00	.....	..	30 00
"	20	Peabody	99	..	1 00	..	1 00
"	20	Covenant	52	..	1 00	..	1 00
"	20	Minto	98	..	50	..	50
"	23	Union	16	..	3 00	...	3 00
"	23	Nith	96	...	1 00	..	1 00
"	24	Grand Union	97	..	3 50	..	3 50
"	26	Howard	58	...	9 50	..	9 50
"	27	Garnet	139	30 00	..	..	30 00
"	27	Fergus	73	...	1 00	...	1 00
"	27	St. Thomas	76	..	1 00	..	1 00
"	27	Lucan	70	...	1 00	...	1 00
April	1	Royal Oak	108	..	2 00	..	2 00
"	2	Frontier	45	..	8 50	..	8 50
"	2	Ancaster	138	30 00	.. .	...	30 00
"	2	Wentworth Degree	3	..	2 25	..	2 25
"	2	Brock	9	..	7 50	..	7 50
"	4	Eureka	30	...	1 50	..	1 50
"	4	Forest City	38	..	1 00	..	1 00
"	4	Dominion	48	..	1 00	...	1 00
"	4	Frontier	45	..	4 50	...	4 50
"	4	Capital	141	30 00	.....	..	30 00
"	4	Minto	98	...	50	...	50
"	6	Canada	49	...	1 00	..	1 00
"	6	Saxon	121	..	34 00	...	34 00
"	6	North Star	68	...	1 00	...	1 00
"	6	Niagara Falls	53	..	1 00	..	1 00
"	7	Maitland	119	..	3 00	..	3 00
"	10	Dominion	48	..	1 00	..	1 00
"	10	Howard	58	..	1 50	..	1 50
"	15	Oxford	77	..	50	...	50
"	15	Amity	80	..	3 00	..	3 00
"	16	Durham	78	..	1 00	..	1 00
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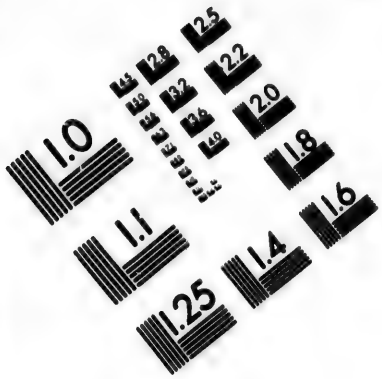
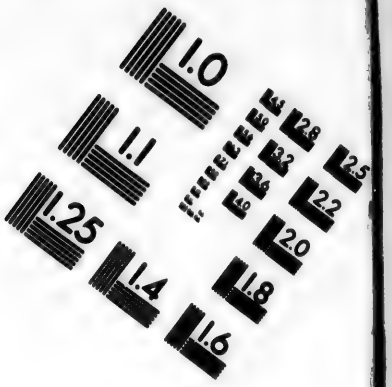
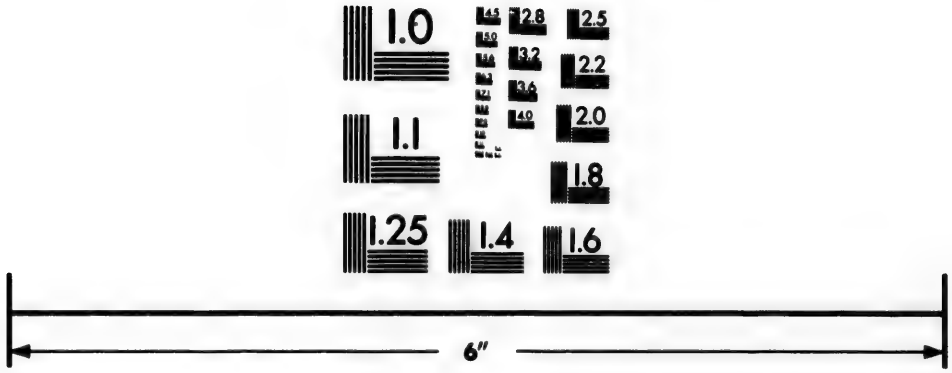
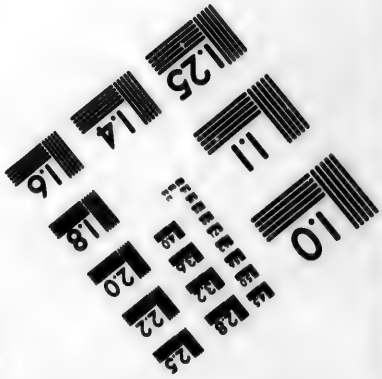
"	17	Excelsior	44	..	1 00	...	1 00









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Date.		LODGE.	Number.	Charter Fee.	Supplies.	Cap Tax.	Total.
1874				$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.
April	22	Bissell	51	..	3 00	..	3 00
"	23	Samaritan	35	..	3 00	..	3 00
"	23	Harmony	115	..	5 00	..	5 00
"	25	Leamington	140	30 00	....	..	30 00
May	1	Waterloo	107	..	1 00	..	1 00
"	1	Crescent	104	..	12 25	...	12 25
"	6	Manilla	105	..	7 50	..	7 50
"	7	Chatham Degree	6	5 00	.....	..	5 00
"	9	Bissell	51	..	2 00	..	2 00
"	13	Gananoque	114	..	1 00	..	1 00
"	14	Livingstone	130	...	29 70	..	29 70
"	14	Union	16	..	3 00	..	3 00
"	14	Empire	87	..	1 50	..	1 50
"	14	Harper Wilson	....	..	2 50	..	2 50
"	14	Concord	142	30 00	.....	..	30 00
"	14	Waterloo	107	..	3 00	..	3 00
"	14	Forest City	38	..	1 75	...	1 75
"	14	Banner Degree	5	5 00	....	..	5 00
"	14	Bay of Quinte	143	30 00	....	..	30 00
"	23	Walkerton	84	...	1 50	..	1 50
"	23	Ridgetown	144	30 00	.. ..	...	30 00
"	23	Milton	92	..	2 00	.	2 00
"	2	The Toronto	71	..	1 00	..	1 00
June	2	Sydenham Valley	121	..	5 00	..	5 00
"	4	Riverside	....	30 00	....	..	30 00
"	15	Walkerton	84	...	1 00	..	1 00
"	19	Belleville	81	.	2 50	..	2 50
"	19	Maple Leaf	57	..	3 00	...	3 00
"	22	Crescent	104	..	6 50	..	6 50
"	22	Howard	58	..	3 00	..	3 00
"	22	Wyoming	147	30 00	....	..	30 00
"	22	Streetsville	122	...	33 40	..	33 40
"	26	Chatham	29	..	2 00	...	2 00
"	27	Dosoronto	102	..	9 50	..	9 50
"	27	Excelsior	44	..	3 00	...	3 00
"	27	Unity	47	..	8 00	..	8 00
"	30	Fidelity	55	..	50	...	50
"	30	Bissell	51	...	1 00	...	1 00
"	30	Friendship	65	...	5 00	...	5 00
July	1	Olive Branch	88	..	13 75	...	13 75
"	1	Peaceful Dove	135	..	35 20	..	35 20
"	4	Western City	93	...	1 50	20 75	22 25
"	6	Waterloo	107	..	2 05	....	2 05
"	6	A. Currie	....	..	5 00	....	5 00
"	7	Peabody	99	..	. ...	10 25	10 25
"	8	Otter	50	..	1 00	21 75	22 75
"	8	Avon	41	..	4 65	52 75	57 40
"	8	Nith	96	..	7 00	9 00	16 00
"	8	Grand Union	97	..	... .	14 50	14 50
"	9	Kingston	59	..	3 50	28 50	32 00
"	9	Napanee	86	..	1 25	16 50	17 75
"	9	Dosoronto	102	..	.....	9 50	9 75
"	10	Amity	80	..	.....	16 00	16 00
"	11	Capital	141	...	.....	2 75	2 75
"	11	Naomi	116	..	1 50	9 25	10 75
"	11	St. Lawrence	137	..	39 15	6 75	45 90
"	11	Belleville	81	...	....	25 25	25 25

Statement of Receipts—*Continued.*

Date.		LODGE.	Number.	Charter Fee.	Supplies.	Cap Tax.	Total.
1874				$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.
July	11	Dresden	124	..	.....	12 75	12 75
"	11	Rond Eau	40	...	.....	20 25	20 25
"	13	Mizpah	127	..	30 25	6 75	37 00
"	13	Niagara Falls	53	..	3 00	....	3 00
"	13	Vivian	145	30 00	.....	....	30 00
"	13	Corinthian	61	..	1 25	29 50	30 75
"	13	Charity	129	...	....	5 75	5 75
"	13	Peaceful Dove	135	..	.....	7 25	7 25
"	13	Manilla	105	..	....	12 00	12 00
"	13	Warriner	75	..	2 80	23 75	26 55
"	13	Eastern Star	72	...	.....	25 50	25 50
"	13	Nipissing	79	..	.....	15 75	15 75
"	13	Maitland	119	..	.....	9 25	9 25
"	13	Lucknow	112	...	.....	9 25	9 25
"	13	Union	62	..	4 00	25 25	29 25
"	13	Fidelity	55	...	.....	24 75	24 75
"	13	Exeter	67	..	.....	10 50	10 50
"	13	Clinton	83	..	....	11 75	11 75
"	13	Walkerton	84	.	.....	12 25	12 25
"	14	Banner Degree	5	...	7 00	....	7 00
"	14	Friendship	65	...	4 75	....	4 75
"	14	Durham	78	..	5 75	.....	5 75
"	15	Barrie	63	30 00	1 91	....	31 91
"	16	Laurel	110	..	....	12 75	12 75
"	16	Covenant	52	...	....	63 25	63 25
"	16	Queen City of Ontario	56	...	15 75	50 75	66 50
"	16	Canada	49	..	.....	57 25	57 25
"	16	The Toronto	71	..	....	31 75	31 75
"	16	Howard	8	..	3 00	....	3 00
"	16	Kingston	59	..	.....	1 50	1 50
"	16	Garnet	139	...	.....	4 50	4 50
"	15	Palmerston	123	.	35 20	7 75	42 95
"	16	Minto	98	...	5 75	10 00	15 75
"	16	Saxon	121	...	....	7 75	7 75
"	16	Bissell	51	..	....	28 50	28 50
"	16	Lucan	70	..	4 50	14 00	18 50
"	16	Ivy	90	...	....	16 50	16 50
"	16	St. Marys	36	..	2 50	27 00	29 50
"	16	Brock	9	...	5 25	39 00	44 25
"	16	Bothwell	74	..	....	13 75	13 75
"	16	Forest City	38	..	.....	71 00	71 00
"	16	Mt. Zion	46	..	.....	6 75	6 75
"	16	Howard	58	...	.....	36 75	36 75
"	16	Wardsville	60	..	....	10 75	10 75
"	16	Hope	69	..	....	6 50	6 50
"	16	Glencoe	133	..	4 00	6 25	10 25
"	16	Eureka	30		....	67 50	67 50
"	16	Dominion	48	..	....	38 25	38 25
"	16	Royal Oak	108	...	.....	12 50	12 50
"	16	Friendship	65	..	....	28 75	28 75
"	16	St. Clair	106	..	....	14 75	14 75
"	16	Port Stanley	95	...	....	8 00	8 00
"	16	Erie	33	..	....	9 25	9 25
"	16	Aylmer	94	..	.....	18 25	18 25
"	16	St. Thomas	76	..	....	29 00	29 00
"	16	Ridgetown	144	...	....	4 25	4 25
"	16	Chatham	29	..	....	40 75	40 75

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Date.		LODGE.	Number.	Charter Fee.	Supplies.	Cap Tax.	Total.
1874				$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.
July	16	Sydenham Valley	120	..	....	6 00	6 00
"	16	Union	16	..	....	57 25	57 25
"	16	Niagara Falls	53	...	....	26 50	26 50
"	16	Empire	87	..	....	26 25	26 25
"	16	Cataract	103	..	....	9 50	9 50
"	16	Livingstone	130	..	....	13 25	13 25
"	16	Orient	134	..	....	9 25	9 25
"	16	Sarnia	126	...	4 95	9 00	13 95
"	16	Rond Eau	40	..	....	4 00	4 00
"	16	Fergus	73	..	....	17 25	17 25
"	16	Frontier	45	..	2 00	40 25	42 25
"	16	Beaver	82	..	....	12 00	12 00
"	16	Leamington	140	..	37 65	4 75	42 40
"	16	Concord	142	..	34 73	3 75	38 48
"	16	Excelsior	44	..	....	52 75	52 75
"	16	Unity	47	..	....	59 75	59 75
"	16	Victoria	64	..	50	24 75	25 25
"	16	Crescent	104	..	....	21 25	21 25
"	16	Valley City	117	..	4 00	11 75	15 75
"	16	Ancaster	138	...	....	3 50	3 50
"	16	Wentworth Degree	3	..	1 25	....	1 25
"	16	Cobourg	136	..	35 25	6 75	42 00
"	16	Maple Leaf	57	..	....	16 50	16 50
"	17	Golden Star	101	..	....	21 00	21 00
"	17	Streetsville	122	...	....	8 00	8 00
"	17	Orion	109	..	....	14 25	14 25
"	17	Milton	92	..	....	14 00	14 00
"	17	Mystic	128	..	....	4 50	4 50
"	17	Oakville	132	..	35 20	8 50	43 70
"	17	St. Clair	106	...	1 00	....	1 00
"	20	Stella	125	..	35 20	....	35 20
"	20	Lindsay	100	.	....	14 75	14 75
"	20	Reliance	89	.	6 05	24 00	30 05
"	21	Bay of Quinte	143	..	....	4 00	4 00
"	22	Gore	34	..	5 22	26 00	31 22
"	22	Waterloo	107	..	....	11 50	11 50
"	22	Harmony	115	...	....	5 00	5 00
"	22	Grand River	91	...	....	19 75	19 75
"	22	Constellation	85	..	....	8 50	8 50
"	22	Oxford	77	..	....	22 25	22 25
"	22	Olive Branch	88	..	....	21 25	21 25
"	23	Samaritan	35	..	....	47 25	47 25
"	23	Marion	131	...	36 70	5 00	41 70
"	23	Clinton	83	..	3 75	....	3 75
"	23	Belleville	81	..	13 50	....	13 50
"	23	Shannonville	118	...	32 20	5 00	37 20
"	23	Trenton	113	..	30 00	5 75	35 75
"	23	Orient	134	..	31 20	....	31 20
"	23	Canada	49	..	....	58 25	58 25
"	23	Covenant	52	...	....	62 50	62 50
"	23	Queen City of Ontario	56	...	....	49 50	49 50
"	23	The Toronto	71	..	....	28 75	28 75
"	23	Laurel	110	...	....	10 00	10 00
"	23	Naomi	116	..	....	6 75	6 75
"	23	Metropolitan Degree	77	..	7 00	....	7 00
"	24	Oxford	2	..	2 50	....	2 50
"	24	Stella	125	..	....	4 50	4 50
				910 00	1387 79	3868 75	6162 54

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Brock	9	25	1	1	2	21	....	..	...	152	156	77	4
Union	16	28	1	1	2	14	....	..	..	215	229	147	3
Chatham	29	7	..	4	...	2	12	10	..	178	165	35	4
Eureka	30	11	...	...	1	..	4	9	..	273	270	46	...
Erie	33	1	..	...	..	1	7	10	.	66	49	2	..
Gore	34	7	..	..	1	1	1	3	1	104	104	36	1
Samaritan	35	13	4	..	3	1	6	..	..	182	189	12	1
St. Marys	36	13	1	1	..	1	....	..	...	94	108	52	7
Forest City	38	8	..	2	1	2	.....	13	...	296	290	40	..
Rond Eau	40	17	1	..	...	2	2	..	..	67	81	25	2
Avon	41	26	1	1	1	4	....	4	..	192	211	48	2
Excelsior	44	17	1	...	1	3	.....	8	...	205	211	56	1
Frontier	45	14	1	2	3	3	.....	..	..	1[illegible]0	161	37	2
Mt. Zion	46	..	....	....	....	....	....	...	..	27	27	7	..
Unity	47	41	6	...	.....	3	2	2	..	199	239	124	6
Dominion	48	22	....	...	1	1	12	4	2	165	167	3	..
Canada	49	22	1	3	1	9	20	...	..	233	229	55	...
Otter	50	8	....	....	....	1	10	..	..	90	87	29	..
Bissell	51	18	1	2	....	....	....	...	...	93	114	35	3
Covenant	52	1	....	....	....	5	11	1	1	250	253	59	1
Niagara Falls	53	11	....	....	....	....	....	..	..	96	107	49	8
Collingwood	54	2	....	....	1	1	4	6	..	59	49	....	...
Fidelity	55	10	4	....	1	2	4	...	1	92	98	63	7
Queen City of Ont.	56	23	1	....	2	4	13	...	..	198	203	71	..
Maple Leaf	57	14	2	....	....	1	5	16	..	72	66	34	4
Howard	58	16	3	....	....	1	5	3	1	138	147	40	2
Kingston	59	10	....	....	....	1	2	..	..	113	120	36	4
Wardsville	60	7	1	....	....	12	3	..	...	50	43	14	..
Corinthian	61	6	2	....	1	3	....	..	..	113	117	22	4
Huron	62	9	....	2	....	4	....	..	..	94	101	12	2
Victoria	64	7	1	....	....	....	....	.	..	93	101	19	1
Friendship	65	10	....	....	....	10	10	6	...	131	115	51	2
Flor Nightingale	66	7	....	....	1	3	....	...	.	100	103	41	3
Exeter	67	9	....	....	....	1	....	..	..	33	41	31	..
North Star	68	2	....	....	....	1	8	..	...	31	24	6	...
Hope	69	2	....	....	....	1	2	..	..	27	26	5	..
Lucan	70	9	1	....	1	1	....	4	..	51	55	33	2
The Toronto	71	11	1	....	....	....	....	..	..	115	127	30	1
Eastern Star	72	12	1	....	....	2	....	7	..	98	102	77	3
Fergus	73	8	1	1	1	4	8	...	1	78	74	39	2
Bothwell	74	11	1	....	....	2	8		2	60	60	22	1
Warriner	75	7	1	....	....	2	....	..	..	89	95	37	1
St. Thomas	76	15	....	....	.. .	1	3	3	..	113	119	43	5
Oxford	77	5	..	....	1	1	2	3	..	91	89	.....	3
Durham	78	9	1	....	....	8	....	2	..	61	61	48	2
Nipissing	79	12	....	....	....	3	.....	..	1	55	63	25	..
Amity	80	10	3	....	....	10	....	..	..	72	75	50	1

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Brock	9	18¼	4	10	39 00	542 10	126 00	137 00
Union	16	54	11	....	61 25	1241 85	197 00	55 00
Chatham	29	38	8	3	41 25	734 33	106 00	49 50
Eureka	30	151	22	12	67 50	1147 98	355 00	226 00
Erie	33	12	4	..	11 25	184 17	35 00	....
Gore	34	39¼	4	4	26 00	675 68	138 50	60 00
Samaritan	35	77	12	1	47 25	695 20	174 00	66 86
St. Marys	36	45	12	...	27 00	532 77	129 00	....
Forest City	38	71	24	..	71 25	903 70	213 00	132 50
Rond Eau	40	12¼	4	1	20 25	391 62	35 50	12 00
Avon	41	75¼	16	1	52 75	1508 74	199 67	15 00
Excelsior	44	20	9	2	52 75	830 63	64 50	40 00
Frontier	45	20	9	4	40 25	671 48	60 00	80 00
Mt. Zion	46	....	..	....	6 75	38 00	....	....
Unity	47	77	28	....	59 75	1298 71	266 00	....
Dominion	48	....	11	1	41 75	612 10	96 80	16 00
Canada	49	78	8	4	57 25	960 63	210 00	59 50
Otter	50	33	9	1	21 77	578 29	89 00	35 00
Bissell	51	15	8	....	28 50	483 09	42 70	....
Covenant	52	75	25	1	63 74	1259 83	248 00	20 00
Niagara Falls	53	22	7	....	26 50	443 79	58 70	....
Collingwood	54	....	....	2	12 25	107 13	20 00	37 50
Fidelity	55	6	3	1	24 50	403 80	18 00	7 50
Queen City of Ont	56	75	10	2	50 75	898 31	159 50	12 00
Maple Leaf	57	8	3	1	16 55	347 22	20 00	8 00
Howard	58	43	10	....	36 75	779 25	123 08	....
Kingston	59	4¼	2	1	30 00	473 50	9 50	15 25
Wardsville	60	3	3	1	10 75	211 50	9 00	56 67
Corinthian	61	32	12	....	29 25	405 95	95 50	....
Huron	62	13	5	....	25 25	328 38	29 00	....
Victoria	64	....	1	....	25 25	270 42	10 00	....
Friendship	65	16	6	....	28 75	272 89	46 00	....
Flor Nightingale	66	30	4	....	25 75	398 44	90 00	....
Exeter	67	2	1	....	10 25	196 00	6 00	....
North Star	68	....	....	....	6 00	65 50	....	....
Hope	69	2	1	..	6 50	85 95	6 00	....
Lucan	70	6	2	....	13 75	224 06	17 00	....
The Toronto	71	4	1	....	31 75	401 75	12 00	....
Eastern Star	72	6	2	....	25 50	690 80	12 50	....
Fergus	73	16	5	....	18 50	403 77	51 00	....
Bothwell	74	14	5	1	15 00	215 00	24 00	12 00
Warriner	75	2	2	....	23 75	371 54	4 00	....
St. Thomas	76	10	6	....	29 75	510 92	28 00	....
Oxford	77	12	8	....	22 25	344 73	33 00	....
Durham	78	5	2	....	15 25	358 49	15 00	....
Nipissing	79	2	1	1	15 75	309 81	4 00	6 00
Amity	80	7	2	1	18 75	366 50	21 00	15 00

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Belleville	81	11	1	3	....	16	1	..	..	103	101	39	3
Beaver	82	11	1	....	....	14	....	..	..	36	34	47	..
Clinton	83	11	....	1	...	1	2	1	.	39	47	53	..
Walkerton	84	3	..	....	....	....	3	...	..	49	49	...	1
Constellation	85	5	....	....	....	....	....	...	..	29	34	24	1
Napanee	86	7	3	....	...	2	10	2	..	70	66	27	1
Empire	87	16	1	....	....	2	....	.	...	90	105	70	2
Olive Branch	88	16	....	....	....	1	....	1	..	71	85	20	4
Reliance	89	14	2	....	....	3	3	4	1	91	96	56	5
Ivy	90	7	2	....	....	2	8	..	..	67	66	12	2
Grand River	91	11	....	....	....	4	1	..	...	73	79	43	3
Milton	92	6	1	....	...	13	....	..	.	62	56	50	..
Western City	93	5	....	....	....	4	....	..	1	83	83	35	3
Aylmer	94	6	..	....	....	2	4	4	..	77	73	18	5
Port Stanley	95	4	....	....	2	....	....	...	..	30	32	8	2
Nith	96	3	..	....	....	....	....	..	..	33	36	8	2
Grand Union	97	11	....	....	....	1	2	..	2	52	58	70	2
Minto	98	8	....	....	....	6	4	..	..	42	40	63	3
Peabody	99	4	1	....	....	....	....	.	..	36	41	12	..
Lindsay	100	3	2	1	....	2	14	..	.	69	59	14	1
Golden Star	101	15	....	....	....	4	....	..	..	76	87	67	4
Dosoronto	102	12	3	....	1	7	....	4	...	35	38	58	..
Cataract	103	14	....	....	....	1	....	..	..	25	38	25	2
Crescent	104	18	3	1	....	1	....	..	..	64	85	36	6
Manilla	105	15	....	....	....	17	....	..	...	50	48	53	...
St. Clair	106	7	....	....	....	1	....	...	..	53	59	32	3
Waterloo	107	10	....	....	....	1	2	..	..	39	46	52	2
Royal Oak	108	11	....	....	....	3	1	..	..	40	47	39	1
Orion	109	7	1	....	....	1	....	..	..	50	57	35	5
Laurel	110	12	....	....	....	1	....	..	..	40	51	34	2
Peterborough	111	15	....	....	....	....	....	..	...	49	64	36	5
Luckhow	112	9	....	....	....	....	....	..	..	28	37	40	...
Trenton	113	4	....	....	....	....	....	..	..	20	23	19	1
Gananoque	114	8	....	....	....	3	....	..	..	24	29	20	1
Harmony	115	5	1	....	....	....	..	..	..	14	20	12	2
Naomi	116	10	....	....	....	....	....	.	...	27	37	34	1
Valley City	117	19	....	....	....	6	....	..	..	34	47	96	4
Shannonville	118	6	..	....	....	....	....	..	...	14	20	18	...
Maitland	119	7	4	....	....	2	....	..	..	32	41	98	1
Sydenham Valley	120	10	....	....	....	....	....	..	1	15	24	8	1
Saxon	121	6	....	....	. .	....	1	...	..	27	31	6	...
Streetsville	122	9	....	....	...	2	....	.	..	25	32	78	...
Palmerston	123	24	8	....	.. .	1	....	..	..	....	31	67	...
Dresden	124	43	9	....	....	1	....	..	..	....	51	52	10
Stella	125	18	5	....	....	....	....	..	..	....	18	36	.
Sarnia	126	28	8	....	....	....	....	..	..	....	56	85	4
Mizpah	127	12	15	....	....	....	....	..	..	....	27	....	2

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Beaver	82	....	....	....	8 50	232 39	1 50	....
Clinton	83	11	2	.....	30 25	294 45	30 00	.....
Walkerton	84	1	2	.....	12 50	139 75	3 00	....
Constellation	85	16	2	....	8 25	161 29	35 00	.....
Napanee	86	1	1	1	16 25	230 40	3 00	15 00
Empire	87	1	3	....	26 00	546 05	7 00	.....
Olive Branch	88	.....	....	.....	21 25	482 62	.....	.....
Reliance	89	7	2	1	24 00	588 01	21 00	15 00
Ivy	90	1	1	....	16 50	223 85	3 00	....
Grand River	91	29	6	....	19 75	461 72	48 00	....
Milton	92	25	3	.....	14 00	312 40	47 00	....
Western City	93	23	7	1	20 75	313 00	63 50	20 00
Aylmer	94	7	2	....	18 25	186 80	21 00	.....
Port Stanley	95	10	2	1	8 00	152 20	21 00	7 50
Nith	96	3	2	....	9 00	135 75	9 00	.....
Grand Union	97	7	1	....	14 50	345 44	21 00	.....
Minto	98	1	.....	....	10 00	297 00	9 00	....
Peabody	99	23	3	....	10 25	149 41	59 00	....
Lindsay	100	2	1	.....	14 75	210 42	6 00	.....
Golden Star	101	31	10	.....	21 75	467 10	62 50	.....
Dosoronto	102	11	3	.....	9 50	222 26	26 40	....
Cataract	103	4	1	....	9 50	198 48	8 00	....
Crescent	104	1	2	.....	21 25	355 70	14 00	....
Manilla	105	12	3	.....	12 00	345 50	24 00	.....
St. Clair	106	7	2	....	14 75	418 50	19 00	....
Waterloo	107	8	3	....	11 50	268 19	17 00	....
Royal Oak	108	6	2	....	11 75	239 88	18 00	....
Orion	109	4	2	....	14 25	334 25	12 00	....
Laurel	110	6	2	....	12 75	248 95	18 00	.....
Peterborough	111	....	.....	....	16 00	287 85	.....	....
Lucknow	112	2	2	.....	6 00	210 97	6 00	.....
Trenton	113	....	....	....	5 75	116 00	....	.....
Gananoque	114	....	....	.....	7 25	137 75	....	.....
Harmony	115	....	....	.....	5 00	187 81	.....	.....
Naomi	116	2	1	.....	9 25	222 70	6 00	.....
Valley City	117	6	4	....	11 75	505 60	14 00	.....
Shannonville	118	.....	....	....	5 00	67 50	.....	....
Maitland	119	....	....	.....	10 25	237 26	....	.....
Sydenham Valley	120	.....	....	....	6 00	127 38	....	.....
Saxon	121	.....	.....	.....	7 75	108 57	10 00	....
Streetsville	122	....	....	.....	8 00	316 50	.....	.....
Palmerston	123	10	3	.....	7 75	419 30	19 00	....
Dresden	124	.....	....	....	12 75	500 43	.....	.....
Stella	125	....	.....	....	4 50	156 30	.....	....
Sarnia	126	.....	....	.....	9 00	479 10	....	.....
Mizpah	127	.....	....	.....	6 75	378 00	....	.....

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Mystic	128	11	7	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	18	49	2
Charity	129	14	9	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	23	54	..
Livingstone	130	43	10	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	53	88	5
Marion	131	21	5	....	....	6	....	....	....	....	20	83	1
Oakville	132	28	6	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	34	65	1
Glencoe	133	18	7	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	25	41	..
Orient	134	32	5	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	37	51	3
Peaceful Dove	135	19	10	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	29	49	..
Cobourg	136	20	7	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	27	88	1
St. Lawrence	137	16	11	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	27	15	..
Ancaster	138	9	5	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	14	8	1
Garnet	159	13	5	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	18	32	1
Leamington	140	12	7	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	19	40	...
Capital	141	3	8	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	11	4	..
Concord	142	7	8	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	15	9	..
Bay of Quinte	143	11	8	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	16	..	..
Ridgetown	144	12	5	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	17	11	..
		1183	134	26	29	274	222	128	15	7527	8488	4289	208

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LODGE.	Number.	No. of Weeks Sickness.	Number of Brothers Relieved.	Widowed Families Relieved.	Per Capita Tax.	Receipts During Term.	Paid for the Relief of Brothers.	Paid for the Relief of Widowed Families.
Mystic	128	....	....	....	4 50	237 75	....	....
Charity	129	....	....	....	5 75	313 00	....	....
Livingstone	130	....	....	....	13 25	676 00	....	....
Marion	131	2	1	....	5 00	345 44	6 00	....
Oakville	132	....	....	....	8 50	396 90	....	....
Glencoe	133	....	....	....	6 25	260 70	....	....
Orient	134	....	....	....	9 25	419 37	....	....
Peaceful Dove	135	....	....	....	7 25	286 50	....	....
Cobourg	136	....	....	....	6 75	349 50	....	....
St. Lawrence	137	....	....	....	6 75	119 50	....	....
Ancaster	138	....	....	....	3 50	190 00	....	....
Garnet	139	....	....	....	4 50	178 50	....	....
Leamington	140	....	....	....	4 75	211 61	....	....
Capital	141	....	....	....	2 75	81 75	....	....
Concord	142	....	....	....	3 75	200 64	....	....
Bay of Quinte	143	....	....	....	3 75	182 00	....	....
Ridgetown	144	....	....	....	4 75	135 50	....	....
		1661	415	61	2139 00	43928 84	4541 01	1211 78

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LODGE.	Number.	Paid for Charity.	Paid for Burying the Dead.	Per Centage of Relief.	Current Expenses.	Total Expenses.	Per Centage of Expenses.
Brock	9	....	60 00	60	98 22	521 22	18
Union	16	11 50	90 00	28	800 85	1154 35	65
Chatham	29	....	....	21	176 27	331 77	24
Eureka	30	....	60 00	55	404 17	1045 14	35
Erie	33	....	....	19	35 00	70 00	19
Gore	34	....	47 25	36	169 73	415 48	25
Samaritan	35	2 50	60 00	44	208 79	512 15	30
St. Marys	36	.....	....	24	77 99	206 99	14
Forest City	38	....	45 00	43	306 56	697 06	34
Rond Eau	40	....	....	12	247 74	295 24	63
Avon	41	40 00	....	16	212 70	467 37	14
Excelsior	44	21 00	....	15	613 00	738 50	73
Frontier	45	30 00	45 00	32	344 51	559 51	51
Mt. Zion	46	....	....	..	65 00	65 00	171
Unity	47	76 90	55 50	31	2025 53	2423 93	156
Dominion	48	....	15 00	20	170 67	298 47	27
Canada	49	....	52 00	33	475 37	796 87	49
Otter	50	33 33	....	27	148 91	306 24	26
Bissell	51	....	.....	9	204 70	247 20	42
Covenant	52	20 50	.....	23	451 61	740 11	36
Niagara Falls	53	....	.....	13	614 33	673 03	138
Collingwood	54	....	10 34	63	4 50	82 34	4
Fidelity	55	1 00	64 00	22	154 51	254 01	38
Queen City of Ont.	56	139 95	40 00	37	405 89	737 34	47
Maple Leaf	57	.. ..	.....	8	209 60	237 60	60
Howard	58	.....	.....	16	530 81	653 89	61
Kingston	59	. ..	....	5	104 28	129 03	22
Wardsville	60	.....	....	31	94 81	160 48	45
Corinthian	61	20 00	30 00	36	197 76	343 26	49
Huron	62	4 75	.....	10	73 55	107 30	22
Victoria	64	4 00	.....	5	....	14 00	..
Friendship	65	....	....	17	133 32	179 32	49
Flor Nightingale	66	....	30 00	...	241 91	361 91	61
Exeter	67	....	....	3	75 26	81 26	39
North Star	68	.....	....	..	....	....	..
Hope	69	.....	.....	7	38 91	44 91	45
Lucan	70	.....	37 50	24	63 00	117 50	28
The Toronto	71	5 00	23 00	12	....	50 00	..
Eastern Star	72	.....	....	2	228 71	241 21	33
Fergus	73	....	....	12	108 71	159 71	40
Bothwell	74	.....	....	17	....	36 00	...
Warriner	75	....	.....	1	174 52	178 52	57
St. Thomas	76	18 75	.....	9	164 23	210 98	32
Oxford	77	53 00	....	23	214 20	300 20	57
Durham	78	.....	....	..	196 87	211 87	54
Nipissing	79	.....	20 00	9	252 56	282 56	81
Amity	80	....	.....	9	70 80	106 80	19

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LODGE.	Number.	General Fund.	Widows' and Orphans' Fund.	Total Funds.	Date of Institution.
Brock	9	458 31	1400 00	1858 31	March 5, 1846
Union	16	11480 04	4694 80	16174 84	March 16, 1846
Chatham	29	1301 29	1247 56	2548 85	Jan. 13, 1854
Eureka	30	3991 64	2387 75	6379 39	Feb. 2, 1854
Erie	33	839 03	587 00	1426 03	Oct. 5 1854
Gore	34	2039 30	1255 20	3294 50	Dec. 25, 1854
Samaritan	35	2149 53	1295 87	3445 40	Jan. 13, 1856
St. Marys	36	6483 97	2180 00	8663 97	Nov. 6, 1856
Forest City	38	5622 88	2899 18	8521 76	Feb. 9, 1857
Rond Eau	40	509 66	100 99	610 50	Res. July 18, 1872
Avon	41	6762 51	1394 49	8157 00	Jan. 9, 1861
Excelsior	44	1100 00	810 00	1910 00	Jan. 9, 1863
Frontier	45	4469 04	109 70	4578 74	Jan. 27, 1864
Mt. Zion	46	323 00	152 00	475 00	Jan. 18, 1866
Unity	47	359 00	1069 52	1428 52	April 3, 1867
Dominion	48	2750 00	1200 00	3950 00	Sept. 18, 1867
Canada	49	2246 83	510 70	2757 53	Jan. 14, 1868
Otter	50	1179 91	202 46	1382 37	March 16, 1868
Bissell	51	839 77	223 72	1063 49	Oct. 15, 1868
Covenant	52	2662 97	968 57	3631 54	Oct. 22, 1868
Niagara Falls	53	743 29	453 04	1196 33	April 20, 1869
Collingwood	54	291 55	108 74	400 29	Oct. 7, 1869
Fidelity	55	961 13	324 10	1285 23	March 8, 1870
Queen City of Ont	56	1721 86	542 47	2264 33	March 10, 1870
Maple Leaf	57	173 12	188 00	361 12	March 24, 1870
Howard	58	1542 44	598 70	2141 20	March 17, 1870
Kingston	59	638 16	249 65	887 81	April 14, 1870
Wardsville	60	361 00	66 62	431 62	April 26, 1870
Corinthian	61	796 57	491 43	1287 00	May 5, 1870
Huron	62	1006 65	402 34	1408 99	May 31, 1870
Victoria	64	882 56	110 50	993 06	Aug. 22, 1870
Friendship	65	1537 20	344 46	1881 66	Jan. 13, 1871
Flor Nightingale	66	810 10	265 00	1075 10	Jan. 25, 1871
Exeter	67	233 56	116 70	350 26	Jan. 27, 1871
North Star	68	63 48	15 86	79 34	March 3, 1871
Hope	69	142 79	74 51	217 30	March 23, 1871
Lucan	70	539 76	154 94	694 70	March 30, 1871
The Toronto	71	680 70	147 27	827 97	May 8, 1871
Eastern Star	72	1154 02	327 89	1481 91	May 11, 1871
Fergus	73	595 47	312 61	908 08	May 31, 1871
Bothwell	74	155 58	89 12	244 70	June 23, 1871
Warriner	75	826 40	226 97	1053 37	June 27, 1871
St. Thomas	76	665 68	253 10	918 78	July 14, 1871
Oxford	77	138 27	145 98	284 25	July 27, 1871
Durham	78	1353 22	152 45	1505 67	Aug. 18, 1871
Nipissing	79	70 45	76 22	146 27	Oct. 12, 1871
Amity	80	417 91	.....	417 91	Oct. 12, 1871

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LODGE.	Number.	Paid for Charity.	Paid for Burying the Dead.	Per Centage of Relief.	Current Expenses.	Total Expenses.	Per Centage of Expenses.
Belleville	81	....	.....	10	272 02	327 88	49
Beaver	82	.....	....	..	167 98	169 48	72
Clinton	83	1 25	16 50	16	98 80	146 05	34
Walkerton	84	20 00	.....	17	123 16	146 16	88
Constellation	85	....	....	21	220 50	255 50	136
Napanee	86	.....	.....	8	161 01	179 01	69
Empire	87	.....	11 00	3	430 17	498 17	88
Olive Branch	88	....	....	...	127 15	127 15	26
Reliance	89	32 00	....	12	417 77	485 77	73
Ivy	90	20 50	12 50	16	381 41	417 41	170
Grand River	91	....	....	10	190 56	238 56	41
Milton	92	... ..	.....	15	....	47 00	..
Western City	93	.....	....	26	182 18	265 68	58
Aylmer	94	....	....	11	97 69	118 69	52
Port Stanley	95	.....	30 00	38	40 25	98 75	26
Nith	96	....	20 00	21	48 01	77 01	35
Grand Union	97	....	.. ..	6	107 11	128 11	31
Minto	98	....	15 00	8	7 70	31 70	3
Peabody	99	6 75	.....	51	32 08	107 83	21
Lindsay	100	.....	....	3	129 33	135 33	61
Golden Star	101	.....	15 00	17	188 95	266 45	40
Dosoronto	102	....	25 00	23	91 41	148 81	41
Cataract	103	....	....	4	124 13	132 13	62
Crescent	104	.....	.....	4	170 25	184 25	47
Manilla	105	....	....	7	203 15	227 15	51
St. Clair	106	10 00	.....	7	70 77	99 77	24
Waterloo	107	.....	....	6	152 08	169 08	67
Royal Oak	108	10 00	....	11	10 00	38 00	4
Orion	109	.....	.....	3	128 83	140 83	38
Laurel	110	....	.....	7	211 55	229 55	85
Peterborough	111	....	... .	..	328 48	328 48	114
Lucknow	112	....	....	3	51 55	57 55	24
Trenton	113	.....	.....	..	102 50	102 50	88
Gananeque	114	....	.....	...	145 18	145 18	105
Harmony	115	.....	....	...	48 27	48 27	26
Naomi	116	....	....	3	176 79	182 79	79
Valley City	117	....	....	3	471 76	485 76	93
Shannonville	118	....	....	..	.....	.....	..
Maitland	119	.....	....	..	131 64	131 64	56
Sydenham Valley	120	5 75	....	4	115 76	121 51	90
Saxon	121	.....	....	9	36 73	46 73	25
Streetsville	122	.....	....	..	282 30	282 30	89
Palmerston	123	.....	....	4	305 75	324 75	73
Dresden	124	....	....	...	349 52	349 52	70
Stella	125	.....	.....	..	91 27	91 27	58
Sarnia	126	....	....	..	339 77	339 77	71
Mizpah	127	....	....	..	.....	.....	..

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LODGE.	Number.	General Fund.	Widows' and Orphans' Fund.	Total Funds.	Date of Institution.
Belleville	81	1315 40	190 24	1505 64	Dec. 13, 1871
Beaver	82	665 85	49 87	715 72	Jan. 12, 1872
Clinton	83	194 03	115 35	309 38	Jan. 12, 1872
Walkerton	84	292 32	81 51	373 83	Jan. 17, 1872
Constellation	85	85 72	50 00	135 72	Jan. 22, 1872
Napanee	86	122 34	41 19	163 53	Feb. 8, 1872
Empire	87	949 63	179 69	1129 32	March 13, 1872
Olive Branch	88	574 67	141 97	716 04	March 14, 1872
Reliance	89	1118 24	192 15	1310 39	March 15, 1872
Ivy	90	79 91	112 07	191 98	April 24, 1872
Grand River	91	815 90	160 47	976 37	May 31, 1872
Milton	92	270 63	84 10	354 73	June 11, 1872
Western City	93	297 31	115 88	413 19	June 13, 1872
Aylmer	94	444 84	47 27	492 11	June 14, 1872
Port Stanley	95	82 56	51 76	134 32	July 16, 1872
Nith	96	176 66	67 70	244 36	July 30, 1872
Grand Union	97	247 93	81 12	329 05	Aug. 2, 1872
Minto	98	301 08	79 80	388 88	Aug 3, 1872
Peabody	99	85 40	55 94	141 34	Sept. 11, 1872
Lindsay	100	80 11	106 89	187 00	Sept. 24, 1872
Golden Star	101	155 15	229 54	384 69	Oct. 10, 1872
Dosoronto	102	116 72	35 03	151 75	Nov. 15, 1872
Cataract	103	70 36	45 32	115 68	Dec. 5, 1872
Crescent	104	334 37	200 05	534 42	Jan. 31, 1873
Manilla	105	243 84	70 21	314 05	Feb. 26, 1873
St. Clair	106	429 20	83 50	512 80	Feb. 27, 1873
Waterloo	107	209 62	22 03	231 65	March 10, 1873
Royal Oak	108	75 85	44 12	119 97	March 18, 1873
Orion	109	155 31	74 66	229 97	March 20, 1873
Laurel	110	496 97	47 94	544 91	May 5, 1873
Peterborough	111	.....	40 63	40 63	May 13, 1873
Lucknow	112	176 25	52 40	228 65	May 9, 1873
Trenton	113	.....	.....	116 00	June 11, 1873
Gananoque	114	86 57	15 20	101 77	June 16, 1873
Harmony	115	251 73	54 13	305 86	June 26, 1873
Naomi	116	132 16	28 16	160 32	July 1, 1873
Valley City	117	8 47	58 51	66 98	July 10, 1873
Shannonville	118	25 00	.....	25 00	
Maitland	119	95 62	10 00	105 62	Aug. 4, 1873
Sydenham Valley	120	35 67	12 41	48 08	Sept. 5, 1873
Saxon	121	55 54	11 82	67 36	Sept. 17, 1873
Streetsville	122	90 00	69 70	159 70	Nov. 28, 1873
Palmerston	123	79 35	15 20	94 55	Jan. 1, 1874
Dresden	124	127 49	23 42	150 91	Jan. 8, 1874
Stella	125	61 13	3 90	65 03	Jan. 23, 1874
Sarnia	126	122 63	16 70	139 33	Jan. 26, 1874
Mizpah	127	374 00	.....	374 00	Feb. 6, 1874

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LODGE.	Number.	Paid for Charity.	Paid for Burying the Dead.	Per Centage of Relief.	Current Expenses.	Total Expenses.	Per Centage of Expenses.
Mystic	128	....	....	..	112 50	112 50	47
Charity	129	....	....	...	277 15	277 15	88
Livingstone	130	....	.....	..	393 63	393 63	58
Marion	131	.....	.....	2	276 50	282 50	80
Oakville	132	....	.....	...	286 25	286 25	72
Glencoe	133	.....	....	..	247 65	247 65	90
Orient	134	....	.....	..	254 06	254 06	60
Peaceful Dove	135	.....	....	..	240 60	240 60	84
Cobourg	136	....	.....	...	333 28	333 28	95
St. Lawrence	137	....	....	..	75 57	75 57	63
Ancaster	138	....	....	...	136 75	136 75	72
Garnet	159	....	.....	..	253 70	253 70	142
Leamington	140	....	....	...	205 71	205 71	97
Capital	141	.....	....	..	35 25	35 25	43
Concord	142	....	.....	.	233 09	233 09	116
Bay of Quinte	143	....	....	..	.....	.....	..
Ridgetown	144	.....	.....	..	17 75	17 75	13
		1211 78	588 43	989 59	22757 07	31208 32	

ABSTRACT FROM SEMI-ANNUAL RETURNS.

LODGE.	Number.	General Fund.	Widows' and Orphans' Fund.	Total Funds.	Date of Institution.
Mystic	128	124 85	6 85	131 70	Feb. 19, 1874
Charity	129	28 45	7 40	35 85	
Livingstone	130	269 77	12 60	282 37	March 3, 1874
Marion	131	51 07	11 87	62 94	March 5, 1874
Oakville	132	94 85	15 80	110 65	March 9, 1874
Glencoe	133	.....	.....	.....	March 11, 1874
Orient	134	159 19	6 12	165 31	March 25, 1874
Peaceful Dove	135	37 50	8 40	45 90	March 27, 1874
Cobourg	136	16 00	.....	16 00	March 30, 1874
St. Lawrence	137	43 93	.....	43 93	April 10, 1874
Ancaster	138	46 92	6 33	53 25	April 14, 1874
Garnet	139	.....	2 80	2 80	April 29, 1874
Leamington	140	.....	42 32	42 32	May 7, 1874
Capital	141	46 50	.....	46 50	
Concord	142	.....	1 25	1 25	May 25, 1874
Bay of Quinte	143	.....	.....	.....	June 5, 1874
Ridgetown	144	116 85	90	117 75	June 11, 1874
		87315 99	35210 47	123756 36	

RECAPITULATION.

FOR YEAR ENDING 30TH JUNE, 1874

Number of Lodges	115	
" Initiated		2439
" Admitted by Card		226
" Reinstated		46
Total		2711
" Withdrawn by Card	396	
" Suspended and dropped N. P. D.	436	
" Expelled	19	
" Deceased	56	
		907
Increase		1804
Membership per last Report		6774
Present total membership		8578

RELIEF.

Number of Brothers relieved	689	
" Widowed families relieved	121	
Amount paid for Sick benefits		7525 12
" " to Widows and Orphans		2260 22
" " Burying the dead		1755 75
" " Charity		1422 28
Total Relief		$12,963 37

STATEMENT OF RELIEF AND AVERAGES FOR PAST HALF YEAR.

Total number of weeks for which benefits were paid	1626
Number of Brothers to whom paid	409
Total amount paid	$ 7077 47
Average amount to each Brother	17 30
Average amount per week	2 71
Of the Total membership 5 per cent. received relief	
Receipts of Subordinate Lodges	42,861 53
Paid for Current Expenses by Lodges	21,994 61
An average of over 50 per cent. for Expenses and nearly 17 per cent for Relief	
Only 33 per cent. added to the capital of Lodges	
Widows' and Orphans' Fund of Lodges	33,653 22
General Fund	85,711 21
Total	$119,364 43

ASSETS OF THE R. W. GRAND LODGE OF ONTARIO, I. O. O. F. 27TH JULY, 1874.

FURNITURE AND REGALIA.

Two Desks	$35 00	
Chest	4 00	
Letter Press	6 00	
Officers' Regalia and Jewels	153 35	
Valise for do	6 00	
Charter Stones	52 50	
		256 85

STATIONERY AND POSTAGE.

P. G. and Rep. Certificates	7 00	
Blank Return Sheets, Bill Blanks, Letter Paper, &c	50 00	
Postage Stamps	1 82	
Account Books	11 50	
Letter Clip and File	1 50	
6 Sub. Lodge Institution Books	6 25	
2 G. L. Degree Books	2 50	
2 Public Installation Books	2 50	
		82 67

SUPPLIES.

9 Sub. Lodge Charge Books	14 58	
11 " Degree Books	13 37	
7 " Rebekah Books	8 75	
2 Degree Installation Books	2 50	
135 Withdrawal Cards	16 41	
51 Visiting Cards	6 21	
19 Dismissal Certificates	2 32	
7 Digests, G. L. U. S.	14 18	
5 sets Interleaves do	0 98	
52 Odes	2 35	
650 Orders for Supplies	1 95	
500 Propostions	1 50	
1050 Reports thereon	3 15	
240 Treasurer's Bonds	2 16	
10 Members' Receipt Books	13 70	
10 Question Books	12 50	
8 Receipt "	10 00	
9 Letter Books, orders for P. W.	10 08	
17 Blank Charters	1 00	
		136 69
Digest G. L. of Ontario		16 50

AMOUNTS DUE GRAND LODGE.

(Statement A.)

T. H. Vann			$ 2 50
Grand Lodge of Vermont			44 00
Grand Encampment			200 00
Chatham Lodge	No.	29	50
Erie "	"	33	2 17
St. Mary's "	"	36	50
Forest City "	"	38	1 00
Avon "	"	41	9 00
Mount Zion "	"	46	1 00
Unity "	"	47	4 50
Dominion "	"	48	1 00
Covenant "	"	52	1 25
Niagara Falls "	"	53	6 25
Collingwood "	"	54	5 00
Kingston "	"	59	3 00
Barrie "	"	63	16 00
Victoria "	"	64	3 00
Exeter "	"	67	75
North Star "	"	68	4 00
Fergus "	"	73	1 25
The Toronto "	"	71	5 75
Bothwell "	"	74	1 25
St. Thomas "	"	76	75
Nipissing "	"	79	7 75
Amity "	"	80	2 75
Walkerton "	"	84	2 00
Constellation "	"	85	5 15
Ivy "	"	90	5 50
Aylmer "	"	94	20 36
Laurel "	"	110	11 07
Peterboro "	"	111	17 00
Lucknow "	"	112	35
Gananoque "	"	114	43 75
Trenton "	"	113	5 20
Shannonville "	"	118	1 00
Maitland "	"	119	1 00
Dresden "	"	124	3 00
Mystic "	"	128	35 20
Charity "	"	129	31 20
Marion "	"	131	1 50
Ancaster "	"	138	39 40
Garnet "	"	139	33 40
Leamington "	"	140	4 80
Capital "	"	141	37 70
Bay of Quinte "	"	143	26 40
Ridgetown "	"	144	26 65
Riverside "	"	145	29 65
Vivian "	"	146	28 15
Model "	"	147	29 65
			$768 00
Total Assets...			$1260 71

AMOUNT OVERPAID TO GRAND LODGE.

(Statement B.)

Eureka	Lodge	No.	30	$4 50
Frontier	"	"	45	2 00
Canada	"	"	49	0 25
Fidelity	"	"	55	0 25
Corinthian	"	"	61	0 75
Hope	"	"	69	1 50
Lucan	"	"	70	0 25
Oxford	"	"	77	1 50
Beaver	"	"	82	3 50
Empire	"	"	87	0 19
Milton	"	"	92	3 00
Port Stanley	"	"	95	2 25
Royal Oak	"	"	108	0 75
Saxon	"	"	121	0 05
Mizpah	"	"	127	0 05
Cobourg	"	"	136	0 05
				$20 84

BALANCE SHEET R. W. GRAND LODGE OF ONTARIO, I. O. O. F., JULY 31st, 1874.

ACCOUNTS.	Page.	Inventry.	Trial Balance. Dr.	Trial Balance. Cr.	Profit & Loss. Dr.	Profit & Loss. Cr.	Stock. Dr.	Stock. Cr.	Resources and Liabilities.	
		$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.
Stock	1	.. ..	.. ..	4838 55	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	4838 55	.. ..	4838 55
Per Capita Tax	3	.. ..	.. ..	3912 50	.. ..	3912 50	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..
Treasurer	5	.. ..	4631 87	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	4631 87	.. ..
Charters	7	.. ..	.. ..	905 00	.. ..	905 00	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..
Supplies	9	136 69	.. ..	451 10	.. ..	587 79	.. ..	.. ..	136 69	.. ..
Expense	11	.. ..	4235 20	.. ..	4333 04	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..
Stationery and Postage	13	82 67	180 51	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	82 67	.. ..
Furniture and Regalia	15	256 85	256 85	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	256 85	.. ..
Interest and Discount	17	.. ..	.. ..	90 94	.. ..	90 94	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..
Digest G. L. of Ont	18	16 50	16 50	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	16 50	.. ..
Profit and Loss	19	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	1033 19	.. ..	.. ..
Donations	23	.. ..	30 00	.. ..	30 00	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..
Special Relief	29	.. ..	100 00	.. ..	100 00	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..
Statement A		.. ..	768 00	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	768 00	.. ..
Statement B		.. ..	.. ..	20 84	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	20 84
		$492 71	$10218 93	$10218 93	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..
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Examined and found correct.

Wm. Badenach, } Auditors.
A. R. Narraway. }

July 31st, 1874.

The chair announced the following Standing Committes:

On Distribution.—Jno. Gibson, P. G. M., and Reps. J. E. Durham, J. B. Meacham, E. R. Robinson and F. W. Johnson.

On Returns.—Reps. W. Menzies, Wm. Murphy, F. F. Lawrence and John Graham.

On Finance.—Reps. W. Badenach, W. W. Griffy and J. M. Lawrie.

On Appeals.—Reps. Hugh Blain, Fife Fowler, J. Ham Perry, W. H. Scott and W. Freeman.

On Laws of Subordinates.—Reps. Cl. T. Campbell, W. A. Rawlings, Robert Kirkpatrick, W. F. Roome and W. S. Campbell.

On Legislation.—H. McAfee, P. G. M., S. G. Dolson, P. G. M., W. N. Ford, P. G. M., J. Barr, P. G. M., and Rep. John Lawrence.

On State of the Order.—James Woodyatt, P. G. M., Reps. W. G. Mutton, and R. Tracey.

On Mileage and per Diem.—Reps. J. T. Hornibrook, R. C. Guerin and Jas. Richardson.

On Petitions and Correspondence.—Reps. R. Evans, Jos. Wright and L. Ferguson.

The Grand Treasurer's Report was read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:

The undersigned would respectfully submit the following Report of the Receipts and Disbursements of this Grand Lodge during the past year:

1873. DR.

Aug.	1st,	To balance on hand	$3854 33
"	30	" Cash from Grand Secretary	104 02
Sept	30	" " "	40 90
Oct.	31	" "	66 00
Nov.	29	" "	72 75
Dec.	31	" "	79 98
1874.			
Jan.	30	" "	1427 21
Mar.	17	" "	783 20
Apr.	4	" "	244 20
May	11	" "	161 00
June	5	" "	169 70
"	30	" "	143 07
July	20	" "	2173 50
"	28	" "	752 52
"	30	Interest from Bank of Commerce	61 04
			$10133 46

1873. CR.

Aug. 8th,	By paid Chas. Lee, Janitor, $6.00; stationery, $1.51	$	7 51
"	" John Murray, services as G. M.		300 00
"	" John Gibson, " "		300 00
"	" Officers and Representatives mileage per diem session 1873		2130 22
"	" John Murray, G. M., expenses, $287.43 less $50, previously paid		237 43
"	" John E. Cuff, printing G. M. Report		13 00

"	"	Expositor Office, " G. S., "	37 40	
Sept. 15th,	"	G. L. U. S. balance of account for supplies, $188.92, U. S. Cy	169 08	
"	"	Grand Master on account of expenses	50 00	
"	"	J. B. King, G. S., account of Salary, $50, incidentals, $10.88...	60 85	
Oct. 3rd,	"	Quarter's Postage account	11 81	
" 20th,	"	Relief to Memphis..	100 00	
Dec. 6th.	"	C. E. Stewart & Co., printing journal &c	272 00	
1874				
Jan. 1st,	"	Postmaster, Postage account	50 14	
"	"	H. C. Bingham, services revising constitution	10 00	
" 26th,	"	J. B. King, incidentals	13 21	
Feb. 2nd,	"	Bond Eau Lodge, No. 40, Donation..	30 00	
" 4th,	"	J. Sutherland, Supplies and Stationery.. ...	31 19	
Mar. 11th,	"	J. B. King, incidentals	13 55	
" 14th,	"	Brant Union, Printing	9 00	
" 16th,	"	Grand Lodge United States	4 95	
April 1st,	"	Postage account..	24 31	
"	"	Grand Secretary, incidentals	11 81	
" 30th,	"	W. C. Trimble & Co., Printing..	167 90	
"	"	J. Sutherland, Stationery, &c	56 80	
May 12th	"	Blank Reports, $9, Charters, $25, Expenses of Committee on Digest $14..	48 00	
July 1st,	"	Postmaster, Postage account	25 77	
" 6th,	"	G.L.U.S., U. S. Cy $180.83..	164 55	
" 20th.	"	Brant Expositor Printing Supplies..	136 00	
" 27th,	"	G.L.U.S., Supplies..	25 35	
"	"	J. B. King, incidentals, $5.60; do $13.12	18 72	
"	"	" Balance of Salary	450 00	
"	"	A. D. Clement, Grand Treasurer, Salary.....	100 00	
				5440 55
"	"	Cash on hand to balance		4692 91
				$10133 46

Fraternally submitted,

A. D. CLEMENT,
GRAND TREASURER.

The Representatives of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, then read the following Report ;

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES' REPORT.

KINGSTON, August 5th, 1874.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O.F.

In accordance with the requirements of the Law, your Representatives have the honor to submit a synopsis of the proceedings of the 49th Annual Session of the R. W. G. L.U.S., held in the city of Baltimore, Maryland, Sept. 15th, 1873. All the Officers of the Grand Lodge were present excepting the Grand Sire, in whose absence Deputy Grand Sire, M. J. Durham took the Chair. Every jurisdiction under its authority was represented, the attendance was greater than at any previous session, and a very large amount of business was transacted.

PROGRESS OF THE ORDER.

The reports of the several Grand Officers gave evidence of a most marked and satisfactory progress in the work of Odd-Fellowship, as the following comparison of the returns of 1871-72 will show :

					Increase.
Lodges	1871	4292			
"	1872	5045			753
Initiations	1871	49,257			
"	1872	59,250			9,993
Revenue G. Lodge and G. Encampment			1871	$3 310 009 53	
" " " "			1872	4 291 071 12	981 061
Relief " " "			1871	1 092 095 42	
" " " "			1872	1 503 471 40	411 375
Members " " "			1871	327 877 00	
" " " "			1872	385 097 00	57 220

NEW LODGES.

During the recess dispensations were issued by the Grand Sire for seven new Subordinate Lodges under the immediate jurisdiction of the G. L. U. S., being located in the U. S., South America, Europe and Canada. Among these were Mizpah, Nov. 3, April 9th, 1873, at Montreal and Winnipeg, Nov. 1 May 21, at Winnipeg, Manitoba. The action of the Grand Sire was confirmed, and charters granted to the several Lodges. Charters were also granted to three new Grand Lodges, viz : Switzerland, British Columbia and Montana.

LEGISLATION.

Some idea of the legislation of the session may be gained from the following selections from the decisions, and resolutions.

1. A Subordinate Lodge cannot refuse to forward an appeal against its own action.—pp, 5834-5877.

2. It is the duty of the visiting Committee to investigate every case of application for benefits, and report whether or not the applicant is entitled. If the local law forbids benefits in cases of sickness arising from immoral conduct, it is the duty of the Committee to report on that point, and if the applicant's sickness arise from such a cause, benefits may be refused without the necessity of a trial.—pp. 5888-5878.

When a Past Grand is called to the chair without objection, and does actually preside, the action during his occupany of the chair, is not therefore void .—pp. 5582-5937.

3. Renunciation of Odd-Fellowship by a member of the Order does not relieve his Lodge from paying benefits so long as he remains in good standing.—pp. 5889-5938.

4. In a trial for slander it was held that the specification should be definite, and that the proof for the entire sentence used, and of the character of the slandered party should be permitted.—pp. 5846-5935

5. The name of an applicant for membership may be withdrawn before the report of the Committee is presented without consent of the Lodge, but not after.—pp. 5919-5950. (This reverses a decision of the Grand Sire the year previous.)

6. No member or members of any Subordinate Lodge or Encampment shall vote upon any question in which he or they may be interested, or in which he or they intend becoming interested by reason of

his or their connection or intended connection with any Lodge or Encampment of this Order, then existing or about to exist or with any other organization, and should a member so vote he shall upon the discovery and proof of the fact be considered guilty of unbecoming conduct, for which he may be suspended from the Order, and the Lodge or Encampment in which the offence was committed, may in case said member has joined some other Lodge or Encampment, institute charges for said offence in said other jurisdiction, with the right to appeal from its decision should the Brother be acquitted of the charge.—pp. 5776-5785.

7. Hereafter there shall be no forfeiture of membership in degree Lodges of the daughters of Rebecca, except by such Rules and usages as apply to Brothers in Subordinate Lodges, and all legislation inconsistent with this resolution is hereby repealed.—pp. 5915-5949.

8. The decision of a Subordinate Lodge is final until reversed by its Grand Lodge, and in case of reversal by the Grand Lodge the Subordinate is bound to obey the mandate of its superior even though an appeal be taken to the G. L. U. S., until that mandate be reversed by the supreme body unless the local law provides for a stay of proceedings, pending an appeal.—pp. 5945-5953.

9. A State Grand Lodge cannot grant a charter to a Subordinate, outside its own jurisdiction.—pp. 5887-5938.

10. A Grand Lodge cannot refuse admission and membership to a Past Grand, properly accredited from his Lodge.—pp. 5922-5951.

11. Grand Lodges may regulate the matter of the members of extinct Suborinates in their respective jurisdictions that have been extinct more than 20 years.—pp. 5903-5949.

12. In 1872, Grand Sire Stuart made the following decisions, "in a case when the state law provides that when a vote shall have been taken on all the forms of punishment, without result in favor of either, the N. G. shall commence again with the highest order of punishment, and if need be go through again, and so continue until some order of punishment be fixed. I have ruled that such law being in conflict with the law of the G. L. U. S., is of no force or effect, and that a vote of the Lodge refusing it to affix a penalty of expulsion is final subject only to appeal." The Grand Lodge decided that the time and mode of voting upon penalties after conviction for misconduct is a matter for legislation of the several Grand Lodges.—pp. 5279-5919-5950.

13. The law requiring officers to wear jewels is not complied with when they are wrought in the regalia.—pp. 5945-5953.

Case of W. D. Kennedy, P. G.

An appeal was presented from John Zimmermon on behalf of W. D. Kennedy, P. G. against the action of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, (see Journal Ontario page 539), a majority of the Committee to whom the question was referred reported adversely to the action of our Grand Lodge as follows :

Rep. Beharrel, of Indiania, from the Committee on appeals, made the following Report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

Your Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of John Zimmerman, on behalf of William D. Kennedy, P. G., against the action of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, have had the papers re-

ferring to this case before them. They present, in a clear manner, all its peculiarities. We find that William D. Kennedy, P G., made application by card for admission to membership in Toronto Lodge ; that his application was referred to a Committee and reported on favorably, and a ballot was taken. The Noble Grand of the Lodge announced that the candidate was elected, although there were three black balls in the box. An appeal was taken from the decision of the Noble Grand to the Lodge, and the Lodge sustained the Noble Grand, whereupon the said William D. Kennedy was introduced in the Lodge, his election was announced to him, and subsequently he took part in the discussions of the Lodge.

Subsequently, the D. D. Grand Master gave a decision adverse to the action of the Noble Grand and a vote of the Lodge sustaining him, when said Wm. D. Kennedy applied for a withdrawal card, which application brought up the question of the position of Wm. D. Kennedy, Past Grand, in that Lodge. Was he a member of that Lodge or not ?

It appears, from a copy of the minutes of "The Toronto Lodge." that he was regularly proposed for admission by card. The committee reported favorably. A ballot was had, and the Noble Grand declared him elected.' The D.D. Grand Master was present on the night when the ballot was had, and was asked for his decision, but he deferred giving it until the next meeting of the Lodge. The Noble Grand was pressed to decide, and accordingly he did so, in accordance with the declaration he had already made, viz : That Wm. D. Kennedy, Past Grand, was a member of "The Toronto Lodge."

An appeal was taken from his decision to the Lodge, and the Lodge sustained him in it. Wm. D. Kennedy, Past Grand, seeing there was a difference of opinion as to his election, asked for a withdrawal card. The withdrawal card was not granted, but after a letter was read from the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, and the decision of the D. D. Grand Master was given, the Noble Grand of the Lodge, in accordance with the decision of the D. D. Grand Master, that Bro. Kennedy had not been elected a member of said Lodge, returned the card and accompanying fee to said brother.

Bro. John Zimmermen appealed from the decision of the D. D. Grand Master to the Grand Lodge of Ontario, and said Grand Lodge dismissed the appeal and sustained the action of the Noble Grand of the Lodge in returning W. D. Kennedy, Past Grand, his card and fee.

Your committee are of opinion that section 130 of Digest of Laws, &c., of the Grand Lodge of the United States, covers this case, and according to said section Wm. D. Kennedy, Past Grand, was to all intents and purposes a member of "The Toronto Lodge," though he did not sign a promise to support and abide by the Constitution, &c., of Toronto Lodge. We would offer for adoption the following

Resolved,—That the appeal be sustained, and the decision of the Grand Lodge of Ontario be reversed.

THOS. G. BEHARRELL, NATHAN PORTER,
J. L. MILTON, AARON B. CRANE
ROBERT LEBBY, CHAS. N. HICKOK,
GEORGE DAMON.

Rep. Woodyatt, of Ontario, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The undersigned, a minority of your Committee on Appeals, to which was referred the appeal of Wm. D. Kennedy, against the action of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, differing in opinion from the majority of the committee, presents his views of the case.

The local law of Ontario enacts that at an election of a candidate for membership, either by initiation or deposit of card, more than two black balls reject.

Bro. W. D. Kennedy made application for admission to "The Toronto Lodge," by deposit of card ; when the ballot was taken more than two black balls appeared. The Vice Grand, to whom as well as to the Noble Grand, the ballot box had been taken for examination, declared the candidate rejected. The Noble Grand declared the candidate elected. An appeal was taken form the ruling of the Noble Grand to the Lodge ; a majority vote sustained the Noble Grand, and the candidate was introduced as a member. He did not, however, sign the constitution of the Lodge, which is required by the local law. An appeal was taken to the Grand Master, who decided that Bro. Kennedy was not a member of the Toronto Lodge, and directed said Lodge to hand him back his card and fees, and notify the Lodges in the jurisdiction of his rejection. The Lodge complied with the directions of the Grand Master. An appeal was taken from the action of the Grand Master to the Grand Lodge of Ontario, which sustained the Grand Master, and it is from the action of said Grand Lodge that this appeal is made.

The Grand Lodge of the United States has decided that when a person has been initiated into the Order, whether his election was legal or not, he must be held to be a member, and that the only mode of dealing with him must be by charges, trial, expulsion, &c.

The reason for such legislation is obvious : the initiate has acquired knowledge and assumed obligations that would be exceedingly unwise to meddle with by declaring his membership void. He could not be deprived of the knowledge, and he should not be released from the obligation ; but in the case of an applicant for membership by deposit of card, the position is entirely different : in such a case as the one here under notice, the party acquired no knowledge, assumed no new obligations ; he did not even take upon him the responsibility that would follow the signing the constitution ; it therefore seems eminently proper that a law should prevail differing from the law quoted as much as the cases differ, so that improper conduct may be promptly dealt with, and that which is wrong may at once be put right, and that a minority of the members of a Lodge may be efficiently protected.

I respectfully submit the following.

Resolved,—That the appeal be dismissed, and the action of the Grand Lodge of Ontario be sustained.

JAMES WOODYATT.

Both reports being under consideration, Past Grand Sire Stuart moved "that the further consideration of the subject be postponed until next session, to enable the Jurisdiction of Ontario to file an additional record," which was resolved in the affirmative. (p. p. 5857, 5925, 5948.)

The duty will therefore devolve upon this Grand Lodge of placing before the Grand Lodge of the U. S. such a statement of the case as will be most effectual in securing the dismissal of the appeal.

DUES AND BENEFITS.

The Committee appointed at a previous Session to consider the matter of Dues and Benefits made an elaborate report, showing that our system requires immediate reconstruction to place it upon a satisfactory basis The Committee strongly favored the idea of the adoption of a scale of dues rising in accordance with the age of members when admitted. Without, however, submitting any scale for the adoption of the Grand Lodge, the Committee asked to be continued for another year, in order to obtain additional information, and recommended the several Grand Bodies to take steps to ascertain the following facts :

1. The Number at each age.
2. The amount of sick and funeral benefits, as shown by the By-law of the Grand Lodge.
3. Number of weeks' sickness for which benefits are paid.
4. The amount of productive property, *i. e.*, Real Estate, Notes, Bonds, Mortgages, or any other property yielding a revenue. p.p. 5906, 5949.

The matter is one of vital importace to the Institution, and is earnestly recommended to the consideration of the Grand Lodge and its Subordinates. We are pleased to know that it has already received some attention in this Jurisdiction, for at our last Session a carefully prepared table of yearly dues, upon the same plan as that recommended by the Committee of the G.L.U.S., was submitted by one of our Lodges and approved.

"THE HISTORY OF ODD-FELLOWSHIP."

The Grand C. & R. Secretary, Bro. J. L. Ridgely, was requested to act as historigrapher of the Order, with authority to supervise and direct the preparation of a history of Odd-Fellowship for publication under the auspices of the G. L. U. S.. The sum of $3,000,00 was appropriated for the payment of expenses attendant on performance of his duties. p. p. 5832—5877.

It might be well for this Grand Lodge to consider the advisability of making a record of such facts in connection with the history of the Order in this Jurisdiction as might be found useful by the historigrapher in the preparation of his work.

CHANGE OF NAME.

In accordance with notice given, Representative Woodyatt brought forward his motion relative to changing the style and name of the G. L. U. S., but it was indefinitely postponed.

The following notice of motion was then given by Representative McKinstry, of Alabama, seconded by Reps. White of New York, Carter and Lindenburg of Ohio, Porter of Mass., Noetner of Oregon, Stokes of Penn., and Dowden of Kentucky : Amend Article I, Section 1, by striking out the words " of the U. S.," so that it shall read, " This Lodge shall be known by the name, style and title of the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows."

REVISION OF WORK.

The Grand Lodge Revised in secret session the Subordinate Degree Book, the Degree Lodge Installation Books, Rebecca Degree Book

Grand Lodge Charge Book, and the Ritual of Grand and Subordinate Encampments.

MUTUAL AID ASSOCIATION.

The attention of the Grand Lodge being called to the subject, it was deemed inexpedient to legislate upon it at present, it being thought better to wait and see the results of the experiments made in that direction by the voluntary associations now in existence (p. 5946.)

OTHER QUESTIONS.

Several subjects, such as the Sunday law, the color question, the extension of time of Subordinate Lodge officers, &c., were brought up for consideration, but it was deemed advisable to make no alterations in the existing laws on these matters.

NEXT SESSION.

The next Session of the G. L. U. S. will be held at Atlanta, Georgia, and will commence on the third Monday in September, 1874.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JOHN GIBSON.
JAMES WOODYATT.

The order for presenting Appeals being called, the following were read :

R. H. Dyas	vs.	Ivy Lodge No. 90.
Excelsior Lodge No. 44	"	Grand Master's ruling.
E. K. Land	"	Forest City Lodge No. 38.
John Hebblethwiate	"	Maitland Lodge No. 119.
D. D. Rose	"	Fidelity Lodge No. 55.
Avon Lodge	"	Grand Lodge in matter of account.
H. F. Tuck	"	Reliance Lodge No. 89.

All of which were referred to the Committee on Appeals.

The following petitions were read and referred to the Committee on Petitions and Correspondence.

From the following Brothers of Arkona for a Warrant for a Lodge, viz :

W. H. Hoover, H. A. Hoover, Alexander Thomas, J. G. Hoover, E. Kophelberger, J. C. Smith.

From the following Brothers of Almonte for same object, viz :

T. W. Raines, James Patterson, J. H. Munro, John M. Sherlock, M. L. Kilborne.

From eleven Brothers of late Rose Lodge in regard to resuscitating that Lodge or regaining membership as follows :

We hereby certify that the following persons were members of Rose Lodge No. 28, I. O. O. F., located in Amherstburg. Said Lodge is now, and has been for some years, defunct, and the undernamed persons are desirous of receiving Cards, so as to enable them to join in some Lodge or resuscitate the defunct Rose Lodge, and would respectfully request the Grand Lodge to grant said Cards : Samuel McGee, P. G., Andrew Botsford, Jonathan Lane, Simon Kemp, Alanson

Elliott, John G. Kolfage, Alexander McGee, Charles Cornwall, Theo, M. Kalchtaller, Edmund Anderson.

JAMES DUNBAR,
JOHN CONROY.

Dated at Amherstburg, 24th July, 1874.

A communication from Durham Lodge No. 78, in regard to the delinquency of D. D. G. M., T. H. Vann, was referred to the Committee on Petitions and Correspondence :

DURHAM LODGE No. 78, I. O. O. F.,
Port Hope, July 30th, 1874.

To the Grand Secretary, I. O. O. F :

DEAR SIR & BRO —At a regular communication of Durham Lodge No. 78, I. O. O. F., held on Tuesday. 21st day of July, it was moved by Bro. E. G. Chant. and seconded by Bro. H. Ross,—

That whereas Bro. Montgomery, a P. G. of this Lodge, having been duly delegated by Bro. T. H. Vann, D. D. G. M., to instal the officers of this Lodge for the present term—his instructions having been received by telegram—and as it was not lawful to communicate the Password by such means, Bro. T. H. Vann informed Brother Montgomery that he would send the Password for the current Term in the next following mail. No Password having been received by Bro. Montgomery or the N. G.of this Lodge from Bro. Vann ; that Bro. Montgomery informs this Lodge, that in his regular returns to Bro. Vann he requested the password to be forwarded to him, and that since that date Bro. Montgomery has telegraphed and written to Bro. Vann in reference to the Password. No answer has been received.

Be it Resolved,—That Bro. T. H. Vann, D. D. G. M., of this District, in not sending the Password to this Lodge at the appointed time, and for his discourtesy in not replying to the letters and telegrams of Bro. Montgomery, is in the opinion of this Lodge guilty of a gross violation of the duties of his office, and of his obligation as an Odd-Fellow.

And be it further Resolved,—That a copy of the above be sent to the M. W. G. M., Bro. Dr. Wright, and the Grand Secretary, Bro. J. B. King, with the request that the same be laid before the Grand Lodge at its next ensuing session.

And furthermore be it Resolved,—That the Secretary be instructed to at once communicate with the Grand Master and request him to send the Password of the current term to our N. G., without further delay.

E. G. CHANT,
R. Secretary.

J. Gibson, P. G. M., from the Committee on Distribution submitted the following, which was adopted :

KINGSTON, Aug. 5th, 1874.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee of Distribution submit the following Report, viz :
Clause 1. Grand Master's Report to Committee on Petitions.
Clause 2. 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 12, 14, (middle Clause 16) Committee on State of the Order.
Clause 3. Committee on Finance.
Clause 9. A Special Committee of nine.
Clause 10. A Special Committee of five to re-adjust the Districts.
Clause 11—13. Committee on Legislation.
Clause 1 & 16 Grand Secretary's Report to the Committee on Printing.
Clause 3, to the Committee on Returns
Clause 6, 17. A on page 20 ; pages 7 to 14, and 28 to 31. Finance.
Clause 7 & 13. Legislation.
Clause 11, 12, 14. State of Order.
Clause 15. Special Committee of five.
Clause 18. Correspondence.

Grand Representatives' Report, so much as refers to the case of William D. Kennedy, to a Special Committee of five.

So much as refers to Dues and Benefits, to a Committee of five.

So much as relates to the history of Odd Fellowship, to the Special Committee appointed to consider Clause 9 of the Grand Master's Report.

Resolved,—That the above report be adopted.

JOHN GIBSON, E. R. ROBINSON,
FRED W. JOHNSTON, J. B. MEACHAM,
J. E. DURHAM.

On motion of P. G. Master McAfee, seconded by P. G. M. James Smith, two more members were added to the Committee on Legislation.

The following moved by Rep. J. S. McMahon, seconded by Bro. McColl, was adopted :

Resolved,—That suitable tables and stationery be procured for the use of members of this Grand Lodge during the present session.

At 1 o'clock the Grand Lodge adjoured till 3 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, Aug. 5, 1874
1 o'clock p. m.

The Grand Lodge re-assembled pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Marshal and Grand Conductor, having examined all present, declared them duly qualified ; whereupon the Grand Marshal declared the Grand Lodge open.

The Roll called. Present—All the Grand Officers and a quorum of Representatives.

Rep. Fife Fowler, on behalf of Kingston Lodge No. 59, invited the Grand Lodge and ladies accompanying Representatives, to attend a steamboat excursion to take place this evening from 7 to 9 o'clock.

On motion of Rep. J. B. McIntyre, the invitation was accepted.

Rep. R. McWhinnie, from the Committee on Credentials, submitted the following Report, which was adopted :

KINGSTON, 5th August, 1874.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

Your Committee on Credentials beg leave to report that Bay of Quinte Lodge No. 143 omitted to insert the name of its Representative in the Report submitted for last term ; also that there is no Seal attached, in consequence of the Lodge being unable to procure one yet ; but sufficient evidence has been produced to satisfy your Committee as to the identity of Bro. John Newton, and that he is the legal Representative.

Resolved,—Therefore, that John Newton, P. G., be admitted to represent Bay of Quinte Lodge No. 143.

We also find the Certificate of J. M. Wingfield, P. G., in due from, and recommend his admission.

Resolved,—That the foregoing Report be adopted.

R. McWHINNIE,
J. B. KING,
CHAS. PACKERT.

The Roll of Lodges called for questions, when the following were presented :

By Rep. John Size, of Oxford Lodge No. 77.

Is it lawful to keep the inner door closed against the admission of members under any other head of business than opening and initiation ?

By Rep. J. J. Davis, of Warriner Lodge No. 75.

Within what time can a brother apply for a Degree after being rejected ?

By Rep. W. Murphy, of Wardsville Lodge No. 60.

Where a number of persons join the nearest Lodge to their locality for the express purpose of becoming the Charter members of a new Lodge, has the Lodge which they join the power to return the initiation and degree fees to them if it sees fit, and under what heading shall the payment of said money be returned in the Semi-Annual Report ?

By Rep. R. C. Guerin, of Niagara Falls Lodge No. 53.

Is there any law stating that Lodges have to provide Past Grand and members with Regalia ? If not, do Past Grands and members have to furnish their own ?

By Rep. D. M. Telford, of Howard Lodge No. 58

1st. Can the N. G., at an election of officers, compel all members to vote, including the candidates, to do so ?

2nd. Can the N. G. admit members during the progress of a ballot ?

3rd. During the progress of an election of officers when several ballots are taken without decision for the same office, should members be admitted between the several ballots, or not until a decision is arrived at ? Or is the same to be held as continuous ?

4th. When blanks are cast at an election of Subordinate Lodge officers, should they be considered as votes ?

By Rep. E. R. Robinson, of Eureka Lodge No. 30.

Can a Past Grand in good standing be elected Representative to this R. W. Grand Lodge, he being absent on the night of the election, and not having signified his intention to serve, either verbally or in writing ?

By Rep. James Moore, of Chatham Lodge No. 29.

Is a Noble Grand who has served 26 nights in that office, and before his successor is installed, eligible as a Representative to the Grand Lodge.

By Rep. Thomas Henderson, of Avon Lodge No. 41.

Is it right for reports to be read *seriatim* at the request of one member, without motion ?

Are the men who are in business, although not able to attend to it themselves, entitled to benefits, said business still going on ?

By Bro. T. G. Stanton, of Western City Lodge No. 93.

I would respectfully ask if a Lodge can legally fine any of its officers for being absent from a regular meeting, when there is not a quorum ?

By Rep. J. M. Lawrie, of Empire Lodge No. 87.

Is a Scarlet member eligible for an elective office, if having been appointed to an appointed office, but absented himself from the same during a majority of the meeting nights during said term ?

By. Rep. Hugh Walker, of Belleville Lodge No. 81.

Is it the duty of a Committee on Character to see the applicant personally

and examine him previous to their reporting to the Lodge ?

2nd. Must all communications from a Subordinate Lodge to the Right Worthy Grand Secretary be forwarded only by the D. D. G. Master ? If so, do the answers to said communications become the property of the Subordinate Lodge, or can the D. D. G Master retain them, and communicate verbally such parts of said answers as he thinks proper ?

3rd. Must all moneys for supplies due to the R. W. Grand Secretary from a Subordinate Lodge be paid to the D. D. G. Master, and can he refuse to install the officers elect if said money is not paid to him ?

By Rep. J. W. Jones, of Dominion Lodge No. 48.

1st. In electing Representatives to the Grand Lodge, is it necessary that the roll of members in good standing at the time be called before the ballots are cast ?

2nd. Is it necessary, in the elecetion of Grand Representatives, that nominations be made, or may the lodge proceed to ballot for any P. G. in good standing whether he has been nominated or not ?

3rd. Does not Clause 3, Article 6 of Constitution of Subordinates conflict with Clause 1838 of Digest, particularly with reference to the implied indefinite suspension of a member ?

By C. B. Stevens, of Walkerton Lodge No. 84.

1st. Can a N. G. rule a report out of order emanating from the Finance Committee while in the discharge of their duties as Auditors, because the Finance Committee reported that the officers were guilty of direliction of duty in not holding Degree meetings at the appointed time, also for not declaring members suspended for non-payment of dues, according to the By-laws of the Lodge ?

2nd. Has a N. G. the right to act upon a telegram received from the M. W. G. M., simply signing his name without attaching his official initials ?

By. Rep. Weston, of Corinthian Lodge No. 61.

1st. After the Vice-Grand declares the ballot against the candidate, can the Noble Grand ask for another ballot without the consent of V. G., before he declares the candidate rejected ?

2nd. Is it proper for the Noble Grand to take the book on his passing out of the Lodge Room ?

3rd. If any Lodge grants aid to a brother of any other Lodge in good standing, can the said Lodge claim the amount granted from the Lodge to which the brother belongs ?

4th. If a candidate for admission is balloted for and accepted, and on being examined by the Lodge Surgeon is found unsound, can the candidate be initiated ?

Reps. L. Ferguson, and R. McWhinnie, a Special Committee on that subject, submitted the following Report, which on motion was ordered to lie on the table until Thursday :

KINGSTON, 5th August, 1874.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:

JOHN MCMATH,
vs.
ERIE LODGE No. 33

We, the undersigned District Deputy Grand Masters, appointed by the Most Worthy Grand Master, under the authority of the Report adopted at the last session of the Grand Lodge held at Stratford, and recorded in "Journal of Proceedings," page 626, beg to report as follows :

1st. That we examined the Minutes of Erie Lodge touching the matter in question, and found them to be regular, with the exception that there is a motion recorded for the reception of the Report of the Committee appointed to try the charge against Bro. McMath, which advised his expulsion, but there is no motion recorded for the adoption of said Report.

2nd. That Erie Lodge did commit gross irregularities in loaning the funds of the Lodge to members thereof, contrary to its By-Laws and the well establish-

principles of the Order, and afterwards destroying the notes held in security for the same, by authority of a resolution recorded in the minutes.

3rd. That in consequence of a note for the sum of $20, ordered to be destroyed by the above resolution, and saved through the intervention of a friend of Bro. McMath, and his (McMath's) subsequent connection with regard to the collection of the same, he was charged, tried and expelled, as set forth in the first section of this Report.

4th. That your Committee are of opinion, from admissions made by prominent members of Erie Lodge, that the expulsion of Bro. McMath was pre-determined upon, and that the brethren who had been prominently connected with the illegal handling of Lodge funds, were only too glad to get hold of anything upon which to rest a charge and to secure the expulsion of, to them, a troublesome member.

5th. That the evidence produced on the trial of Bro. McMath, that he had violated his sacred pledge, wherein he promised not to "defraud the Lodge to the amount of anything," and all the circumstances surrounding the said charge do not, in the opinion of your Committee, warrant his expulsion.

6th. That your Committee fully concur in the principle of common justice, that no man's position and character should be injured or prejudiced before the public through his connection with a *Secret Society;* and being fully convinced that had Bro. McMath been a member of a Lodge where such irregularities and illegal handling of Lodge moneys could not be tolerated, he would now, in all probability, be found a member enjoying all the privileges and freedom guaranteed to members who conduct themselves honestly.

7th. Your Committee would, in consequence of the points set forth in this Report and information had, most respectfully recommend that Bro. McMath be re-instated, on payment of the ten dollars in dispute and such other amount as demanded by the laws of the Order.

We therefore submit the following:

Resolved, That the above Report be adopted.

Yours in F. L. & T.

LEONARD FERGUSON,
ROBT. McWHINNIE.

An appeal was presented: W. A. Roblin, vs. Belleville Lodge No. 81, and referred to the Committee on Appeals.

The following was resolved in the affirmative:

Moved by J. Woodyatt, P. G. M., seconded by Rep. Thos. Henderson, and

Resolved,—That two more names be added to the Committee on the State of the Order.

The Chair added to the Committee, H. C. Bingham, P. G. M., and Rep. J. B. McIntyre.

Rep. W. Badenach, from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following Report, which was considered and adopted:

KINGSTON, 5th, August, 1874.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

Your Committee beg leave to report in reference to Clause 3, of your M. W. Grand Master's Report, that they heartily support the action of your executive officers in donating the sum of one hundred dollars to our suffering brothers in Memphis and Shreveport, and congratulate your R. W. Grand Body on the very liberal response made by the Subordinate Lodges of this jurisdiction to the appeal made to them.

Referring to Clause 7 of the R. W. Grand Secretary's Report, we find amounts to be correctly given, and we would greatly commend the present improved system of keeping separate accounts for the different sources of revenue.

Clause 17. We would recommend that the R. W. Grand Secretary be empowered to procure suitable office and desk accommodation as the proper classification of reports and other papers, is indispensable,

Statement of receipts and Balance Sheet has already been certified to by the Auditors appointed by your R. W. Grand Body; we therefore deem it unnecessary to give them our particular attention, but would point out an error of the printers in the stationery and postage account, the amount being printed $32.76 should be $82.67, as per the written report of your Auditors

Referring to your R. W Grand Treasurer's Report, we would submit the following summary of the year's business:

Balance	$3854 33
Receipts for year	6279 13
	$10133 46
Expenditure	5440 55
	$4692 91

in which we are happy to notice an item of $61.04 to the credit of interest account, owing to the improved system of keeping the books and accounts this year.

We also recommend the system adopted last year of having the books and accounts of your R. W. Grand Lodge thoroughly audited.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Resolved,—That the foregoing Report be adopted-

WM. BADENACH,
JOHN M. LAWRIE,
W. W. GRIFFFY.

The following accounts of District Deputy Grand Masters for expenses in visiting, &c., during the past year, were read, and referred to the Committee on Finance:

D. D. G. M..	F. F. LAWRENCE,	$60 00
"	H. McAFEE,	15 00
"	CL. T CAMPBELL,	13 16
"	O. B. HULIN,	27 50
"	HARPER WILSON,	16 50
"	W. N. FORD,	15 30
"	R. McWHINNIE,	18 00
"	E. R. ROBINSON,	15 00
"	GEO. MIDGELY,	4 60
"	L. FERGUSON	20 00
"	G. W. JESSOP,	17 30
"	J. D. MATHESON,	42 32
"	R. TRACY,	33 59
"	J. ELIAS DURHAM,	29 16

Also the following:

Naomi Lodge, amount paid installing officer	4 00
Special Committee, L. Ferguson and R. McWhinnie, visiting Erie Lodge in the matter of J. McMath vs. Erie Lodge,	16 00
W. C. Trimble & Co., printing Grand Master's and Grand Secretary's Reports,	52 50

Rep. Robert Evans, from the Committee on Petitions and Correspondence, submitted the following Report, which was considered and adopted:

KINGSTON, Aug. 5th, 1874.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

We, your Committee on Petitions, beg to report as follows:

That Cards be granted by this R. W. Grand Lodge to the following Bros. of Rose Lodge No. 28, of Amherstburg, now defunct: Samuel McGee, P. G., Andrew Botsford, Jonathan Lane, Simeon Kemp, A. Elliott, J. G. Kolfage, Alex. McGee, Chas. Cornwall, Thos. M. Kalchtallar, and Edmund Anderson, provided they did not take part or share in any illegal distribution of the funds or other

property of said Lodge, and would suggest that the Grand Master, or his Deputy, make inquiry into this matter before said Cards are granted,

We therefore submit the following:

Resolved,—That the above Report be adopted.

Faternally submitted,

ROBERT EVANS,
JOSEPH WRIGHT,
L. FERGUSON,

Rep. Robert Evans, from the same Committee, submitted the following Report, which was considered and adopted:

KINGSTON, Aug. 5th, 1874.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:

We, your Committee on Petitions and Correspondence, beg to report as follows:

That the petition of Bros. T W. Raines, J. M. Munroe, Jas. Patterson, J. M. Sherlock, and M. L. Kilborne, be received, and that this Grand Lodge do grant said brothers a Charter to open a Subordinate Lodge in the town of Almonte.

Also, that Bros. W. H. Hoover, H. A. Hoover, Alexander Thoman, J. G. Hoover, and J. C. Smith, of Arkona, be granted a Charter by this Grand Lodge for the purpose of opening a Lodge in said town.

We therefore submit the following:

Resolved,—That the above be adopted.

Fraternally submitted,

ROBERT EVANS,
JOSEPH WRIGHT,
L. FERGUSON.

Rep. Geo. Midgely, of Unity Lodge No. 47, submitted the following, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

KINGSTON, Aug. 5th, 1874.

The N. G of a Lodge resigns his position during the term, say three or four nights before its close. Can a brother, who is otherwise eligible, be nominated and elected the same evening that the resignation is received? And can any Past Grand present proceed to instal the N. G. elect on the evening of such an election, the D. D. G M not having been notified of such resignation, election or installation, and not being present, from the fact of not knowing that such installation would take place?

Rep. J. B. Meacham submitted the following, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

1st. Can a Lodge pass a By-Law to the effect that no brother should receive the Password until he has paid up his dues three months in advance?

2nd. In the absence of the Noble Grand, Vice-Grand, and all Past Grands, and a quorum of members, can a Lodge be opened and how?

3rd. Can a member of the Manchester or Canadian Order, become a member of our Order?

Corinthian Lodge No. 61, Rep. James Brown submitted the following, which was referred to the same Committee:

Is it lawful for a Lodge to loan the funds to any brother of the Lodge, on mortgage, note, or otherwise?

Rep. J. A. Montgomery submitted the following, which was submitted to the same Committee:

Would it not be conducive to the interests of our Order to abolish the use of our Charge Books during the initiatory ceremony, and during the opening and closing exercises?

H. McAfee, P. G. M. submitted the following, which was referred to the same Committee:

Can a member of this Grand Lodge be placed on Committee or Committees of this Grand Lodge, against whom charges have been made and are now pending in his Lodge? and is such member entitled to speak, make motions, or vote in this Grand Body?

Rep. J. A. Parker submitted the following, which was referred to the same Committee:

Is it lawful for a Subordinate Lodge to nominate Representatives to the R. W. Grand Lodge on the regular night of nomination of the elective officers for the current term?

The following was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

KINGSTON, Aug. 6th, 1874.

J. B. King, Esq., R. W. Grand Secretary:

DEAR SIR AND BRO.—Will you be kind enough to submit to the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, of the I. O. O. F., my claim to the rank as a Past Grand Master of the Order.

My Clearance Card, which I brought from the Pioneer Lodge of the I. O. O. F., of Dunedin, New Zealand, and which you received at the time I claimed to be admitted as a Charter member of Capital Lodge at Ottawa, and of which I am here, as its Representative, bears testimony to my rank in the Order.

I also enclose herewith a report of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F., held at Melbourne, Victoria, in August, 1861, as confirmatory evidence of my rank in the Order.

I beg, also, to call your attention to a paragraph in the Grand Secretary's Report, page 2, and a letter from Bro. J. L. Ridgely, G. S., in which mention is made of the affiliation then in progress, and which, you know, has since taken place.

I therefore expect to rank in the Order here as a Past Grand Master.

I am, my Dear Sir & Bro.,
Yours in F. L. & T.,
JAMES McGAW, P. G. M.

The chair named the following Special Committees:

On Clause 10, Grand Master's Report: J. Gibson, P. G. M., and Reps. J. A. Parker, J. Dodds, Thos. Henderson, N. Flater.

On Dues and Benefits in Grand Representatives' Report; Reps. Robert Kirkpatrick, J. M. Lawrie, J. Henry, F. G. Dunbar, I. J. Davis,

On Clause 9 of Grand Master's Report, and so much of Grand Representatives' Report as relates to the History of Odd Fellowship: J. Murray, P. G. M., Reps. J. W. Fletcher, J. Henry, J. W. Jones, and D. McConachie.

On Grand Representatives' Report, that which refers to the case of Bro. W. D. Kennedy, P.G.: Reps. S. G. Dolson, P.G.M., Geo. Midgely, J. W. Hunt, H. Walker.

On Clause 15, Grand Secretary's Report: J. Woodyatt, P. G. M., and Reps. J. A. Montgomery, F. T. Yates, T. G. McCormick, J. Craig.

The following notices of motion, to amend the Constitution, were read, and referred to the Committee on Legislation:

By Union Lodge No. 16.

To amend Article 5, Clause 6, of Constitution governing Subordinate Lodges of Ontario, by striking out the following: "Provided always that such weekly benefits shall in no case exceed three times the quarterly contribution required from each member to the general benefit fund." Also, amend Clause 10, same Article, by striking out the following: "Provided always, that no annuity shall

exceed the amount that would be contributed by any one member to such Widows' and Orphans' Fund within the space of twenty-five years, and that if relief be otherwise given, the amount shall in no case exceed four times the limit thus fixed for annuities."

By Empire Lodge No. 87.

Article 5, Clause 6. Strike out the words: "Provided always that such weekly benefits shall in no case exceed three times the quarterly contribution required from each member to the general benefit fund."

Article 5, Clause 10. Strike out the words: "Provided always that no annuity shall exceed the amount that would be contributed by any one member to such Widows' and Orphan' Fund within the space of twenty-five years under the By-Laws of the Lodge, and that if relief be otherwise given, the amount shall in no case exceed four times the limit thus fixed for annuities."

Rep. J. S. McMahon, seconded by Rep. Charles Packert, moved the following which was on motion referred to the Committee on Legislation.

Resolved,—That the words "good standing" in Clause 9 of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, where it relates to the number of members of Subordinate Lodges, shall be taken to mean the number of members on which per capita tax is paid to this Grand Lodge.

The following, moved by Rep. J. S. McMahon, seconded by Rep. W. Lewis, was adopted:

Resolved,—That it be referred to the Committee on Legislation to report on the advisability of erasing the word "Elective," in Clause 8 of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge so that it might read: "And all the officers in this Grand Lodge shall have the right of debating and making motions."

Rep. J. S. McMahon, seconded by Rep. R. McWhinnie, moved the following:

Resolved,—That the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem be instructed to compute the mileage, by the nearest traveled route of Officers and Representatives attending the present session of this Grand Lodge, at five cents per mile, for the total distance in coming and returning, and the per diem at two dollars.

Rep. J. Craig, seconded by J. Gibson, P. G. M., moved in amendment as follows:

Resolved,—That the word (5) five be erased, and the word (4) four inserted.

The amendment prevailed.

The motion, as amended, was adopted.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

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SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

KINGSTON, Aug. 6th, 1874.

The Grand Lodge assembled at 9 o'clock, a. m. and opened in regular form.

Grand Master, Bro. Geo. Wright, in the chair.

Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

Roll called. Present :

GEORGE WRIGHT.....M. W. *Grand Master.*
R. WARRINER.....R. W. *Deputy Grand Master.*
H. E. BUTTERY..... " " *Grand Warden.*
J. B. KING..... " " *Grand Secretary.*
A. D. CLEMENT..... " " *Grand Treasurer.*
JAMES WOODYATT..... " " *Grand Representative.*
JOHN GIBSON..... " " " "
J. S. MacMAHON..... " " *Grand Marshal.*
H. McCOLL..... " " *Grand Conductor.*
W. D. GORDON..... " " *Grand Guardian.*
WM. FITZSIMMONS..... " " *Grand Chaplain.*

And a quorum of Representatives.

The minutes of the last session were read and approved.

Rep. C. Packert, from the Committee on Credentials, submitted the following Report, which was adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

Your Committee on Credentials beg leave to Report, that we have examined the Certificate of W. N. Hosey P. G., of Napanee Lodge, No 86, and find it correct, and would recommend that he be admitted and instructed in the Grand Lodge Degree.

We submit the following :

Resolved.—That the above Report be adopted.

CHAS. PACKERT,
R. McWHINNIE,
J. B. KING.

The following questions were presented, and severally referred to the Committee on the State of the Order :

By St. Thomas Lodge, No. 76, Rep. John Heard :

1st. Can an N. G., declare a member suspended for N. P. D., at the commencement of the quarterly term, which makes him 12 calendar months in arrears—the By-Laws providing that the quarterly contributions shall be paid in advance ? Or should such declaration by the N. G. be made at the last of said quarterly term ?

2nd. Has an N. G., the power to draw on the Treasurer of his Lodge for the amount of a member's sick benefits, without a vote of his Lodge for the same, or without having first announced his intention to his Lodge of so doing ?

By Nith Lodge, No. 96, Rep. H. C. Flach.

Do the nights, when officers are absent without excuse, count in the number of nights requisite to fill up the term of office for qualifications for higher office ?

By Walkerton Lodge, No. 84, Rep. C. B. Stevens :

Can an N. G. declare an election void, and order a new ballot ?

By Corinthian Lodge No. 61, Rep. M. Weston.

Can a Subordinate Lodge make such By-Laws as will cut a member off from benefits, if his dues are not paid within a given time ?

By Fergus Lodge, No. 73, Rep. J. Craig.

The By-Laws of Fergus Lodge require the Trustees to invest the Lodge funds "either in some chartered institution of this Province, or in a *bona fide* real estate security." During the year 1873 the N. G. decided that the clause quoted forbids the Lodge funds being invested in the purchase of Township School Debentures. Was his ruling correct ?

John Murray, P. G. M., from the Special Committee on that subject, submitted the following Report, which was considered and adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario I. O. O. F.

We, your Special Committee, appointed to examine Clause 9 of the Grand Master's Report, and also that portion of the Grand Representatives' Report which relates to the compiling of a History of our Order, most respectfully submit the following:

That we are of opinion that such a History would be conducive to the best interests of the Order,

And would recommend that this R. W. Grand Body do appoint a Committee of two to co-operate with the R W. Grand Secretary, Jas. L. Ridgely, for the consummation of the same.

And we further recommend that P. G. M., Jas. Woodyatt, and our R. W. Grand Secretary J. B. King constitute said Committee.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

We therefore submit the following:

Resolved,- That the above Report be adopted.

JOHN MURRAY J. W. JONES,
D McC NACHIE, J. ROBERTSON,
J. W. FLETCHER,

Rep. Hu. Blain, from the Committee on appeals, submitted the following Report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

R. H. DYAS
vs
IVY LODGE.

In the matter of the above appeal of R. H. Dyas, from the action of Ivy Lodge, No. 90, the facts of the case appear to be as follows:

Bro. R. H. Dyas borrowed the sum of $700 from Bro. Isaac Frederick, and some months subsequently failed in business, making an assignment.

Bro. Frederick, together with other creditors (necessary to do so) accepted a compromise from Bro. Dyas.

Bro. Frederick afterwards preferred a charge against Bro. Dyas for maliciously defrauding him out of a large sum of money, and conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow

The trial Committee reported that Bro. Dyas acknowledged that he had wronged Bro. Frederick, but not intentionally, and recommended his expulsion, which was adopted by the Lodge.

Your Committee submit that the above was purely an account between two members, and according to Clause 1082, Digest: "The Lodge has no right to interfere in the matter."

Resolved,—That the appeal be sustained, and Ivy Lodge be instructed to reinstate Bro. R H. Dyas to membership

Resolved,—That the foregoing be adopted.

HUGH BLAIN, FIFE FOWLER,
J. HAM PERRY, WM. FREEMAN,

Rep. J. Ham Perry gives notice, that on to-morrow he will move the following:

Resolved,—That no questions proposed by Representatives, to be referred to the Standing Committee on the State of the Order, will hereafter be entertained by this R. W Grand Lodge, unless notice of such proposed questions be furnished in writing to the Grand Secretary, at least ten days before the annual meeting of this Grand Lodge.

Rep. J. Ham Perry, from the Committee on Appeals, submitted the following Report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

WM. A. ROBLIN,
vs.
BELLEVILLE LODGE No. 81.

Your Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the above case, beg to report as follows:

In this case the Committee have only the statement of the appellant to the effect, that on the 30th day of July, 1874, he being good on the books of the Lodge and under no charges, applied for a Withdrawal Card, which was balloted for and refused.

We therefore submit the following:

Resolved—That if, upon the examination by the Grand Master, the above statement prove to be true, Belleville Lodge No. 81 is hereby directed to grant such Card within thirty days, and in the event of the Lodge not complying with this direction, the Grand Master is hereby instructed to suspend said Belleville Lodge.

Respectfully submitted.

HUGH BLAIN, FIFE FOWLER,
J. HAM PERRY, WM FREEMAN.

On motion to adopt the report, it was moved in amendment by Rep. H. Blain, seconded by J. Murray, P. G. M.,

That the further consideration of this Report be laid on the table till this afternoon.

Moved in amendment to the amendment, by Rep. Jaffray, seconded by Rep. Brown,

That the Report be referred back to the Committee, with instructions to examine the Representatives of Belleville Lodge No. 81 upon the appeal, and report this afternoon.

The question being on the amendment to the amendment by Rep. Jaffray, it was declared lost.

The question now being on the amendment of Rep. H. Blain, it was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the adoption of the report, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. Hugh Blain, from the same committee, presented the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

EXCELSIOR LODGE No. 44,
vs.
THE GRAND MASTER

Your ommittee on Appeals, to whom was referred the above case, beg to report as follows:

1 In April, 1872, Bro. Pryke applied for withdrawal card from above Lodge. The ballot was taken, and the N. G. declared the card not granted.

2 Some weeks after, the N. G. remarked in the Lodge room, that he had made some mistake of Bro. Pryke's application, as there were a majority of white balls in the ballot.

3. At the annual meeting of this R. W. Grand Lodge, held at Windsor, in August, 1872, Rep. Griffith, of Excelsior Lodge No. 44, submitted two questions touching the above points, and which were referred to the Committee on the State of the Order. For report of said committee, and adoption of the same, see pages 501, 502, Journal 1872.

4. On the visit of P. G. M., Murray to said Lodge (during the year of his incumbency), Bro. Griffith asked the Grand Master (referring to above proceedings held at Windsor), "whether Bro. Pryke was a member of our Lodge?" The official answer of Grand Master Murray was, "Brothers, I would rather you would

settle this matter among yourselves" instead of complying with the instructions of this R. W. Grand Lodge, as set forth in the above named report, mentioned in section three of this report.

5. In September, 1873, Bro. Griffith asked the N. G., "if Bro. Pryke was a member of Excelsior Lodge." The N. G answered "yes." Bro. Griffith appealed from the chair to the Lodge, and the ruling of the chair was sustained.

6. Bro. Griffith then appealed from the Lodge to the D. D Grand Master. The D. D. G. M., in the presence of the present Grand Master, declared "that Bro Pryke was not a member of any Lodge." The Grand Master confirmed this decision.

7. From April, 1872, to October, 1873, Bro. Pryke regularly paid his dues, acted on Standing Committees, and also held an office in the Lodge.

8. Your Committee find that the decision of the Grand Master was grounded on the before mentioned report of the Committee on the State of the Order. Pages 501, 502, Journal of this R. W. Grand Lodge, 1872, previously quoted.

Resolved,—That the above appeal of Excelsior Lodge No. 44, be not sustained

H. BLAIN, FIFE FOWLER,
J. HAMPERRY, WM. FREEMAN.

At the request of Rep. J. S. McMahon, of Excelsior Lodge No. 44, the appeal of Excelsior Lodge was read.

On motion to adopt the report, Rep. J. S. McMahon, seconded by Rep. W. Lewis, moved in amendment, as follows:

Resolved,—That the word "not" in the resolution accompanying the report be stricken out.

Pending the consideration of the Report, the following, moved by Rep. J. F. O'Neil, seconded by Rep. J. E. Durham, was resolved in the negative:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge do now adjourn until two o'clock p. m.

The question now being upon the adoption of the amendment of Rep. J. S. McMahon, it was declared lost.

The question recurring upon the adoption of the report, it was adopted.

Rep. J. S. McMahon, of Excelsior Lodge No. 44, asked permission to appeal to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, which, on motion of Rep. H. Blain, was granted.

James Woodyatt, P. G. M., from the Committee on the State of the Order, submitted the following report, which was considered *seriatim* and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

Your Committee on the State of the Order report upon the questions of Rep. Jones, of Dominion Lodge, as follows:

1. In electing the Representatives to the Grand Lodge, is it necessary that the roll of members in "good standing," be called before or at the time the ballots are cast?

Answer.—Yes, if the By laws require it, or a member in "good standing" demands it before the ballot is taken.

2. Is it necessary, in election of Grand Representatives, that nominations be made, or may the Lodge proceed to ballot for any P G. in good standing whether he has been nominated or not?

Answer —See page 78, Digest, Ontario, 2nd Decision

3. Does not clause 3, article 5, of Constitution of Subordinates, conflict with clause 1338, of "White's Digest," particularly with reference to the implied indefinite suspension of a member?

Answer.—Yes, inasmuch as suspensions, other than for non-payment of dues must not be for an indefinite time.

We submit the following:

Resolved,—That the above Report be adopted.

JAMES WOODYATT, ROBERT TRACY,
J. B. McINTYRE. H. C. BINGHAM,
W. GEORGE MUTTON.

Rep. R. Tracy, from the same Committee, presented the following Report, which was considered seriatim and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

Your Committee on State of the Order, to whom were referred the following, questions, submit as follows:

Question by Corinthian Lodge No. 61, Oshawa:

1. Is it proper for the Noble Grand to take the book in his possession out of the Lodge Room?

We reply—No. See Charge Book.

Question of Oxford Lodge No. 77:

2. Is it lawful to keep the inner door closed against the admission of Members under any other head of business than opening and initiating?

In reply we answer—No.

Question of Warriner Lodge No. 75:

3. Within what time can a Brother apply for a degree after being rejected?

Answer.—See page 44, Ontario Digest, Decision second.

We therefore submit the following:

Resolved,—That the above Report be adopted.

ROBERT TRACY, JAMES WOODYATT,
J. B. McINTYRE, H. C. BINGHAM,
W. GEORGE MUTTON.

Rep. R. Tracy, from the same Committee, presented the following report, which was considered seriatim and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

Your Committee on State of the Order to whom was referred certain questions, submit as follows:

On the question of Niagara Falls Lodge No. 53, viz:

Whether there is any law stating that Lodges have to provide Past Grands and members with regalia? If not, do Past Grands and members have to furnish their own regalia?

Answer.—The Lodge must provide suitable Regalia. See Digest, Sec. 1648.

On the questions of Wardsville Lodge No. 60, as follows:

1. When a number of persons join the nearest Lodge to their locality for the express purpose of becoming the charter members of a new Lodge, has the Lodge which they join the power to return the initiation and degrree fees to them if it sees fit?

Answer.—The Lodge has the right. See page 79, Ontario Digest.

2. If so, under what heading shall the payment of said money be returned in the semi-annual report?

Answer.—Under a special head.

We submit the following:

Resolved,—That the above report be adopted.

R. TRACY, W. GEORGE MUTTON,
H. C. BINGHAM, JAMES WOODYATT,
J. B. McINTYRE.

Rep. W. G. Mutton, from the same Committee, submitted the following report, which was considered seriatim as read, and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

Your Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred Clauses 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 12, 14, and part of Clauses 2 and 16 of the M. W. Grand Master's Report, and Clauses 11, 12 and 14 of the Grand Secretary's Report, beg to say:

That we have duly considered the several matters, which are touched upon in the above clauses, and with a view of preventing any misunderstanding in the matter, we shall speak of them in rotation as they appear in the several Reports. We therefore respectfully submit the follows:

GRAND MASTER'S REPORT.

Clause 2.—We think that on account of the changes made at the last session of the Grand Lodge, in the duties of the M. W. G. M., the circular was required, and that the results were favorable to a great extent.

Clause 3.—We concur in the opinion, that the case was of sufficient importance, that an appeal should be made to the Subordinate Lodges, and are very much pleased to hear that it met with such a liberal response.

Clause. 4.—With regard to the four questions which are answered in the clause, we would say that the answer to query one is correct, see Con of Sub., article 6, clause 15. Likewise the answer to Query 2, see D. White's Digest, 261 and 304. Also that to query 3, see Ont. Dig pp. 104 and Con. of Sub., article 4, clauses 8, 9 and 10. We agree with the answer to query 4, as regards the funds proper of the Lodge, but think that where there is a contingent fund in connection with the Lodge, it is sometimes expedient to pay out for special purposes, more than the amount specified by the By-Laws.

We agree with the observations made at the latter end of this clause, and certainly think that a great many unnecessary questions are asked which a careful examination of the Digest would answer. We also think that it should be distinctly understood that the only legitimate channel of communication is through the Deputy of the District, and sincerely trust that on the part of every Lodge, no such want of courtesy shall occur during the present year.

Clause 5.—We fully agree with the first part of this clause but do not concur in the latter part, as we think the present system is all that is necessary, and that the services of any efficient officer will hardly be overlooked.

Clause 6.—We agree in the opinion that the failure of a Deputy District Grand Master to report is a grave omission on his part, and think that if the proposed circulars were issued they would perhaps help the matter to some extent.

Clause 7.—We heartily concur in the opinion of the M. W. Grand Master with regard to outside parades of our Order.

Clause 8.—We are glad to hear that during the year a number of new halls have been dedicated to the principles and uses of our Order, and are pleased to find that the Order is so prosperous.

Clause 12. We are very pleased to find that there have been so few appeals, and think that this is a sign, that most of the Subordinate Lodges in the jurisdiction are working in harmony.

Clause 14.—We congratulate the M. W. G. M., and the Order in Ontario, upon the success that attended the efforts to resuscitate Barrie Lodge, and are very pleased to observe that this is the only Lodge which had to give up its Charter for some time past, and that now it has been resuscitated, it leaves the list of Lodges unbroken from No. 44 to the last Lodge instituted, No. 144.

Clause 16.—We concur in the M. W. G. Master's arrangements with regard to the appointment of the Committee on the Laws of Subordinates, and think that the same principle, upon which the other Standing Committees were appointed, will give general satisfaction.

THE GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Clause 2.—With regard to this clause, we must say that we highly deprecate such a state of affairs, and think that the parties to blame, be they the District Deputies or the Subordinate Lodges mentioned, should receive a reprimand from the R. W. Grand Body, so that a like state of affairs, should not occur again.

Clause 12.—We think that this clause should be referred to the Finance Committee.

Clause 14.—We highly appreciate the action taken by the M. W. Grand Master in the Memphis and Shreveport affair, and I think the Subordinate

Lodges are to be complimented upon their liberal response, and the magnificent sum donated by them for that purpose.

Your Committee submit the following.:

Resolved,—That the above report be adopted.

W. GEORGE MUTTON, ROBERT TRACY,
H. C. BINGHAM, J. B. McINTYRE,
JAMES WOODYATT.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Lodge re-assembled, pursuant to adjournment.

The minutes of the morning Session were read and confirmed.

The report of the Special Committee, in the matter of the appea of John McMath vs. Erie Lodge No. 33, was then taken up, considered and adopted.

Rep. Chas. Packert, from the Committee on Credentials, submitted the following report, which was considered and adopted;

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

Your Committee on Credentials beg to report, that we have examined the Certificate of Bro. Thomas Rice, Past Grand of Brock Lodge No. 9. and find it correct, and recommend that he be admitted and instructed in the G. L. Degree

Resolved,—That the above Report be adopted.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHAS. PACKERT,
J. B. KING.

James Woodyatt, P. G. M., from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following Report, which was considered and adopted;

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

Your Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the question of Rep. H. McAfee, P. G. M., of No. 142, as follows, viz:

"Can a member of this Grand Lodge be placed on Committee or Committees of this Grand Lodge, against whom charges have been made and are now pending in his Lodge? And is such member entitled to speak, make motions, or vote in this Grand Lodge?"

The Committee report that the answer to the above question is fully set out in Section 325 A of White's Digest, and your Committee express their surprise that such a question should be asked.

We submit the following:

Resolved,—That the above Report be adopted.

JAMES WOODYATT,
W. GEORGE MUTTON,
J. B. McINTYRE.

Rep. J. B. McIntyre, from the Committee on the State of the Order, submitted the following report, which was considered *seriatim*, and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

We, your Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the questions of Avon Lodge No. 41:

Question 1st. Is it right for reports to be read *seriatim*, at the request of one member, without motion?

We reply: See Rule of Order 7, Subordinate Lodge Constitution.

Question 2nd. Are men who are in business, although not able to attend to it themselves, entitled to benefits, said business still going on?

We reply: See page 27, Ontario Digest, 5th decision.

In reply to question of Eureka Lodge No. 30:

Can a Past Grand in good standing be elected Representative to this R. W. Grand Lodge, he being absent on the night of election, and not having signified his intention to serve, either verbally or in writing?

We reply: Yes. See page 106 Ontario Digest decision 6.

In reply to question of Rep. Jas. Moore, Chatham Lodge No. 29:

Is a Noble Grand, who has served 26 nights in that office, and before his successor is installed, eligible as a Representative to the Grand Lodge?

We reply: Yes. See Ontario Digest, page 106, decision 4.

We submit the following:

Resolved,—That the above Report be adopted.

J. B. McINTYRE, H. C. BINGHAM,
R. TRACY JAS. WOODYATT,
W. GEORGE MUTTON.

Rep. J. B. McIntyre, from the same Committee, submitted the following Report, which was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

We, your Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred question of Rep. J. A. Parker, of Eastern Star Lodge No. 72:

Is it lawful for a Subordinate Lodge to nominate Representatives to the R. W. Grand Lodge on the regular night of nomination of the elective officers for the current term?

We reply: No.

We submit the following:

Resolved,—That the above Report be adopted.

J. B. McINTYRE, H. C. BINGHAM,
JAS. WOODYATT, R. TRACY,
W. GEORGE MUTTON.

Rep. W. Badenach, from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following Report, which was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

Your Finance Committee beg to report, that they have examined the following accounts of your D. D. Grand Masters for the past year, and recommend the payment thereof:

D. D. G. M.,	F. F. Lawrence	$60 00
"	H. McAfee	15 00
"	Cl. T. Campbell	13 16
"	O. B. Hulin	27 50
"	Harper Wilson	16 50
"	W. N. Ford	15 30
"	R. McWhinnie	18 00
"	E. R. Robinson	15 00
"	Geo Midgely	4 60
"	L. Ferguson	20 00
Naomi Lodge, for expenses installing officers		4 00
From L. Ferguson, expenses incurred investigating appeal of John McMath, of Erie Lodge No. 33		16 00

W. C. Trimble, printing Reports of M. W. Grand Master and R. W. Grand Secretary..... 52 50

We therefore submit the following:

Resolved,—That the foregoing Report be adopted.

WM. BADENACH,
W. W. GRIFFEY,
JOHN M. LAWRIE.

Rep. W. W. Griffey, from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following Report, which was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

The Finance Committee beg respectfully to submit the following:

That we have examined the D. D. Grand Master's Reports, and would recommend the payment of such as are entered below:

Geo. W. Jessop	$17 30
J. D. Matheson	42 30
R. Tracy	33 59
J. E. Durham	26 16

In reference to Clause 12 of the Grand Secretary's Report, your Committee beg leave to report that the protest in reference to the $3 has been withdrawn, and the affair satisfactorily settled.

We therefore submit the following:

Resolved,—That the foregoing Report be adopted.

WM. BADENACH,
W. W. GRIFFEY,
J. M. LAWRIE.

Rep. R. Evans, from the Committee on Petitions and Correspondence, submitted the following Report, which was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

We, the undersigned Committee on Petitions and Correspondence, would beg leave to submit the following Report, upon the communication of Durham Lodge, complaining of a laxity of duty on the part of Bro. Vann, D.D.G.M., towards the said Lodge:

Resolved,—That the said Bro. Vann, in neglecting to send the Semi-Annual Password to the said Lodge, according to his obligation, and frequent promises made by telegraph and letter, is guilty of negligence of his obligation; and we, the committee, consider that Bro. Vann is deserving of the censure of this R. W. Grand Body.

Resolved,—That the above report be adopted.

ROBERT EVANS,
JOSEPH WRIGHT,
LEONARD FERGUSON.

Rep. Joseph Wright, from the Committee on Petitions and Correspondence, submitted the following Report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

We, the undersigned Committee on Petitions and Correspondence, submit the following report:

Resolved,—That the following Lodges which have been working under dispensation during the last year, be granted Charters, viz:

Sydenham Valley	Lodge No.	120	Wallaceburg.
Saxon	"	121	Ailsa Craig.
Streetsville	"	122	Streetsville.
Palmerston	"	123	Palmerston.
Dresden	"	124	Dresden.

Stella	"	125..Carleton Place.
Sarnia	"	126..Sarnia.
Mizpah	"	127...Belleville.
Mystic	"	128..Kilbride.
Charity	"	129..Sunderland.
Livingston	"	130...Thorold.
Marion	"	131..Renfrew.
Oakville	"	132..Oakville.
Glencoe	"	133..Glencoe.
Orient	"	134...Welland.
Peaceful Dove	"	135..Cannington.
Cobourg	"	136..Cobourg.
St. Lawrence	"	137..Brockville.
Ancaster	"	138..Ancaster.
Garnet	"	139..Mount Forest.
Leamington	"	140..Leamington.
Capital	"	141..Ottawa.
Concord	"	142..Kingsville.
Bay of Quinte	"	143..Picton.
Ridgetown	"	144...Ridgetown.
Riverside	"	145..Iroquois.
Vivian	"	166...Arnprior.
Model	"	148..Wyoming.

We therefore move the adoption of the above Resolution.

ROBERT EVANS,
JOSEPH WRIGHT,
LEONARD FERGUSON.

Rep. L. Ferguson, from the same Committee, submitted the following Report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

Your Committee on Petitions and Correspondence, to whom was referred the letters and communications of the Grand Master to the Grand Secretary, also the communications written to the Grand Secretary, find all papers correctly filed, reflecting great credit upon the Grand Secretary, considering the immense amount of matter which passed through his hands.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Resolved,—That the foregoing be adopted.

ROBERT EVANS,
JOSEPH WRIGHT,
LEONARD FERGUSON.

Rep. G. W. Pontine was granted leave of absence for the remainder of the Session.

J. Gibson, P. G. M., from the Special Committee on Districts, submitted the following Report, which was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

We, your Committee appointed to consider Clause 10 of the M. W. Grand Master's Address, beg leave to submit the following Report:

Your Committee deem it advisable to reduce the number of Districts, and beg leave to recommend the following:

District No. 1: To comprise all east of the County of Frontenac.

District No. 2: To comprise the Counties of Frontenac, Lennox, Prince Edward, Hastings and Addington.

District No. 3: To comprise the Counties of Northumberland, Peterborough, Durham and Ontario, with the exception of Nipissing Lodge, No. 79.

District No. 4: To comprise the Counties of York, Peel and Simcoe, Nipissing Lodge No. 79, and Maple Leaf Lodge No. 57.

District No. 5: To comprise the Counties of Halton, Wentworth and Wellington.

District No. 6: To comprise the Counties of Welland, Haldimand, Norfolk and Lincoln.
District No. 7: To comprise the Counties of Waterloo, Brant and Oxford.
District No. 8: To comprise the Counties of Perth and Huron.
District No. 9: To comprise the Counties of Grey and Bruce.
District No. 10: To comprise the Counties of Middlesex, Elgin and Lambton.
District No. 11: To comprise the Counties of Essex and Kent.
Your Committee would recommend the District Deputies to visit each Lodge once a year officially, the expense of such visit to be borne by this Grand Lodge.
All of which is fraternally submitted.
Resolved,—That the foregoing be adopted.

JOHN GIBSON, ROBT. DODDS,
JNO. A. PARKER, NATHAN FLATER,
THOS. HENDERSON.

The hour of four o'clock having arrived, being fixed by the Constitution for the election of officers, the chair declared that order of business now open.

The chair named Reps. W. G. Mutton and J. D. Matheson, tellers.

Nominations for Grand Master being called the following were made.

GRAND MASTER.

P. G., H. Blain nominated P. G., W. Fitzsimmons
" M. Weston " " R. Warriner.
" Jno. Graham " " F. Fowler.
" T. Healey " " H. E. Buttery.

Rep. H. E. Buttery declined.

Rep. W. Fitzsimmons elected on first ballot.

Nominations for R. W. Deputy Grand Master being called for, the following were made:

DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

P. G. M., H. McAfee nominated P. G., H. E. Buttery.
" S. G. Dolson " " R. Evans.
P. G., J. M. Lawrie " " J. B. McIntyre.
" W. Badenach " " E. Beltz.
" T. McCormick " " F. Fowler.
" W. F. Roome, " " H. Blain.

P. G's. J. B. McIntyre, E. Beltz and H. Blain declined.
P. G., H. E. Buttery, elected on first ballot.
Nominations for R. W. Grand Warden, were made as follows:

R. W. GRAND WARDEN.

P. G., H. Wilson, nominated P. G., J. T. Hornibrook.
" J. Urquhart, " " Hugh McCall.
" J. A. Parker, " " W. D. Gordon.
P. G. M., H. McAfee, " " Isaac Smith.
" Jas. Smith, " " R. Evans,
P. G., R. Warriner, " " C. S. Male.
P. G., R. Evans, declined
P. G., J. T. Hornibrook elected on 3rd ballot.

Nominations for Grand Secretary, was then called.

R. W. GRAND SECRETARY.

P. G., Hugh Blain nominated P. G., J. B. King.
Elected by Acclamation.
Nominations for Grand Treasurer were made as follows :

GRAND TREASURER.

P. G., J. B. McIntyre nominated P. G.,P. B. Hatch.
" Thos Reid " " Geo. Irwin.
" J. E. Durham " " J. Lawrence.
" H. Blain " " A. D. Clement.

P. G. Treas. A. D. Clement's name was withdrawn.

Geo. Irwin, P. G., elected on 2nd ballot.

Nominations were then called for a representative to the Grand Lodge of the United States.

REPRESENTATIVE TO G. L. U. S.

P. G. M., H. McAfee, nominated P. G., W. N. Ford.
P. G., H. Wilson " " Jno. Murray.
" J. T. Hornibrook " " Jno. Barr,
" J. H. Perry " P. G. M., Geo. Wright.
" J. Lawrence " " Jno. Gibson.
" E. Beltz " " H. McAfee.
" " " " S. G. Dolson.

P. G. M's., G. Wright, H. McAfee, and S. G. Dolson declined.

John Barr, P. G. M., elected on 3rd ballot.

The following, moved by Rep. J. S. McMahon, seconded by Rep. J. C. Williams, was resolved in the affirmative.

Resolved,—That when this Grand Lodge adjourn, it stands adjourned until 8 o'clock this evening.

Whereupon the Grand Lodge adjourned.

EVENING SESSION.

KINGSTON, Aug. 6, 1874, 8 p. m.

The Grand Lodge re-assembled, pursuant to adjournment.

Present,—All the Grand Officers, and a quorum of Representatives.

The minutes of the afternoon session were read and approved.

Several accounts were read, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion, the hour of nine o'clock was set apart for the exemplification of the secret work.

H. C. Bingham, P. G. M., from the Committee on State of the Order, submitted the following Report, which was considered *seriatim*, and adopted ;

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

The Committee on State of the Order submit the following:

On question of Belleville Lodge No. 81, viz.,

Must all communications from a Subordinate Lodge to the Right Worthy Grand Secretary be forwarded only by the D. D. Grand Master?

Answer—Yes. See Ontario Digest, page 52, 1st decision.

From the same. Do the replies to communications so forwarded to the Grand Secretary by a Subordinate Lodge, become the property of the Subordinate Lodge, or can the D. D. G. M. retain them and communicate verbally such parts of said answers as he thinks proper?

Answer.—They become the property of the Subordinate Lodge.

From the same. Must all moneys due the R. W. Grand Secretary, for supplies, by a Subordinate Lodge, be paid to the D. D. Grand Master, and can he refuse to instal the officers elect if said money is not paid to him?

Answer. Yes.

From the same. Is it the duty of a Committee on Character to see the applicant personally, and examine him previous to their reporting to the Lodge?

Answer.—See Ontario Digest, page 43, 6th decision.

On question by Corinthian Lodge No. 61, Oshawa, as follows:

If a candidate for admission is balloted for and elected, and on being examined by the Lodge Surgeon is found unsound, can the candidate be initiated?

Answer.—Yes, if the Lodge see fit to incur the responsibility.

From the same After the Vice Grand declares the ballot against a candidate, can a Noble Grand ask for another ballot without the consent of the Vice Grand before he declares the candidate rejected?

Answer.—The action of the Vice Grand need not effect the course to be pursued by the Noble Grand, but the Noble Grand's action should be guided by Ontario Digest, page 81, 3rd decision.

From the same. If any Lodge grants aid to a brother of any other Lodge in good standing, can the said Lodge claim the amount granted from the Lodge to which the brother belongs?

Answer. -No, except such as is provided for by the By-laws of his Lodge or by his card?

Question by Empire Lodge No. 87, St. Catharines:

Is a scarlet member eligible for an elective office, if having been appointed to an appointed office, but absents himself from the same during a majority of the meeting nights?

Answer.—No, if there are other qualified members in nomination.

On the question by Howard Lodge No. 58:

Can the N. G. compel all members entitled to vote, including the candidates, to do so?

Answer.—See Rule of Order No. 17. Subordinate Lodge.

From the same. Can the N. G. admit members during the progress of a ballot?

Answer.—Yes.

From the same. During the progress of an election of officers, when several ballots are taken without decision for the same office, should members be admitted between the several ballots or not, until a decision is arrived at, or is the same, to be held as a continuous ballot?

Answer.—Members should be admitted at any time during a ballot?

From the same. When blanks are cast at an election of Subordinate Lodge Officers, should they be considered as votes?

Answer.—The usage in this Jurisdiction is to count no ballots except those for parties in regular nomination.

In conclusion, your Committee move the adoption of the foregoing Report and Answers.

H. C. BINGHAM, J. B. McINTYRE,
W. GEORGE MUTTON, R. TRACY,
JAS. WOODYATT.

Rep. John Graham, from the Committee on Returns, made the following Report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

We your Committee on Returns beg leave to report that we have carefully examined the returns from the different Subordinate and Degree Lodges, and find the following errors and omissions :

	Term Ending Dec. 31st, 1873.	Term Ending June. 30th, 1874.
Chatham, No. 29,	Error of 2 in Total membership, 50c. per Capita short.	Error carried from Dec.
Eureka No. 30,	Correct.	Error of ten in membership per Dec. report overpaid per capita, $5.
Erie, No. 33,	Correct.	Error of 12 in total membership, per capita two dollars short.
Gore, No. 34	Error of 3 in Total membership.	Error of Dec. carried to June report, and per capita overpaid 75c.
Forest City, No. 38.	Error of one in suspensions. Five too many in total membership.	Error carried forward from December overpaid Capita tax $1.25, error $108 total receipts.
Rondeau, No. 40,	No statement of dues, initiation or degrees.	Correct.
Mt. Zion, No. 46,	No account of two admitted by card in summary, and no names in columns of two admitted by card.	Error of $10 in total amount of all funds.
Dominion, No. 48,	Correct.	Night of meeting omitted.
Covenant No. 52,	No Seal attached.	Correct.
Fidelity, No. 55,	Error of fourteen in members in good standing, and error in total membership of two, and too little per capita of 50c.	Error of 1 in membership per last report.
Corinthian, No. 61,	Error of one in total membership.	Error carried from Dec., to June report.
Victoria, No. 64,	Error of two in membership, and 50c. too little per capita.	Error of two members and 50c too little per Capita.
Exeter, No. 67.	Correct.	Overpaid per capita 25c.
North Star, No. 68,	No account of money in Treas hands neither in G B Fund nor W & O Fund.	Name of Bro. withdrawn not inserted no total of amounts of cash. $36 of a discrepency in cash.
Fergus, No. 73,	Error of 9 in total membership $1 short in per capita.	Correct.
Bothwell, No. 74,	Correct	Error of two in present membership, 50c. per capita too little.
St. Thomas, No. 76,	Correct	Error of three short in total membership last report.
Oxford No 77,	One mass of mistakes and marginal notes.	Error of two in membership, figures so badly blotted cannot make them out.
Durham, No. 78,	Correct.	Error of one in total membership, per last report 25c. overpaid per capita.

Amity, No. 80,	Correct.	Mistake, 11 in total membership.
Beaver, No. 82,	Correct.	Overpaid Capita tax on $1.50.
Walkerton, No. 84,	Mistake of one in number in good standing.	Correct.
Crescent, No. 104,	Correct.	Error in total membership from last report overpaid Cap. tax 25c.
Waterloo, No. 107,	Correct.	Mistake of one in membership overpaid Capita tax 25c.
Royal Oak, No. 108,	Correct.	Mistake of three in members overpaid capita tax 75c. per last report.
Maitland, No. 119,	Correct.	Error of four in total number as per last report, due Grand Lodge $1.
Marion, No. 131,	Correct.	Overpaid Capita tax $1.50.
Cobourg, No. 136,	Not signed by Sec, no seal.	
Leamington, No. 140,	Widow and Orphans fund not separated from general fund.	
Bay of Quinte, No. 143,	No statement of Division of total funds.	

The returns of all other Lodges are correct.

In conclusion, we your committee would respectfully suggest the necessity of the D. D. Grand Master being instructed to impress upon the minds of the Secretary the importance of their being more careful in filling out their semi-annual return, as the unsatisfactory manner in which they are at present made out, especially among the older Lodges, is very much to be regretted, and would recommend that Lodges having old form of return books, be instructed to return them to the Grand Secretary, and obtain the new ones, as they are superior in convenience and arrangement.

A large proportion of the mistakes have taken place in the transfer of total membership from the old to the new forms, from the fact of the suspended members not being included in the total decrease, the reinstated members being included in the increase. This mistake is not liable to occur again, with the new forms, and would recommend that Secretaries carefully revise their books, in order to start their returns upon a correct basis.

We therefore submit the following:

Resolved,—That the foregoing Report be adopted.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. MENZIES, WM. MURPHY,
F. F. LAWRENCE, JNO. GRAHAM.

Rep. W. Menzies, from the Committee on Returns, made the following Report, which was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O.F.

We, your Committee on Returns, beg leave to say that we have examined a communication from the D. D. G. M., of Belleville Lodge No. 81, enclosed in the returns, in which he gives the names of the total number of members on the books of Belleville Lodge No 81, which shows four members less than their return sheet, thus reducing their representation one. We would strongly urge on

D.D.G.M.'s to examine the books of each Lodge before installation, to prevent such errors in future.

We submit as follows:

Resolved, That the above Report be adopted.

WM. MENZIES, W. MURPHY,
F. F. LAWRENCE, JNO. GRAHAM.

Rep. F. F. Lawrence, from the same Committee, submitted the following Report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:

We, your Committee, to whom was referred Clause 3 of the Grand Secretary's Report, and Abstract from the Semi-Annual Returns for the year ending June 30th, 1874, beg leave to say:

1st. That we approve of the change in the Semi-Annual Return sheet, it being more simple and less liable to mistakes, and would recommend that Lodges be instructed to procure the new Return Book, at a cost of forty cents per book.

2nd. That we have carefully examined the Abstract of the Semi-Annual Returns for the year ending June 30th, 1874, all of which we find correct.

Resolved,—That the foregoing Report be adopted.

Fraternally submitted.

WM. MENZIES, WM. MURPHY,
F. F. LAWRENBE, JNO. GRAHAM.

Rep. Hugh Blain, from the Committee on Appeals, submitted the following Report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

D. D. Rose,
vs.
Fidelity Lodge No. 55.

Your Committee, to whom was referred the appeal of D. D. Rose against the action of Fidelity Lodge No. 55, have carefully considered the facts as presented.

It does not appear from the papers that the proper notice has been given to the Subordinate Lodge, and therefore your Committee have only the statement of the appellant.

We therefore submit the following:

Resolved,—That the further consideration of this appeal be laid over to the next Session of this Grand Lodge, without prejudice to either party concerned.

HUGH BLAIN, FIFE FOWLER,
J. HAM PERRY, WM. FREEMAN,

On motion to adopt the Report, Rep. Jas. Beaty, seconded by Rep. J. P. Langlais, moved the following, which was not agreed to:

Resolved,—That all after the word "That," in the resolution accompanying the Report, be stricken out, and the following substituted: "The appeal be dismissed."

The question recurring on the adoption of the Report, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. J. H. Perry, from the Committee on Appeals, submitted the following Report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

Avon Lodge No. 41,
vs.
Grand Lodge.

Your Committee, to whom was referred the above case, beg to report as follows:

1st. Your Committee find, that on the 16th December, 1872, the Grand Secretary posted by letter, post-paid, to Avon Lodge No. 41, 12 Visiting Cards and 12 Withdrawal Cards.

2nd. Your Committee find that said Cards have not been received by said Avon Lodge.

Therefore Resolved,—That the appeal of Avon Lodge, No. 41 be sustained' and that the said charge in the Grand Lodge account against Avon Lodge be expunged.

HU BLAIN,
FIFE FOWLER,
J. HAM PERRY,
WM. FREEMAN,

Rep. Hu. Blain from the Committee on Appeals, submitted the following Report :

To the R W Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

H. F. TUCK,
vs.
RELIANCE LODGE No. 89.

Your Committee to whom was referred the above case, beg to report, as follows :

Among the papers submitted in this matter, we do not find that Reliance Lodge No. 89 was served with notice of appeal. Neither do we find any certified papers containing the charge—the action of the committee appointed by the Lodge to try the same - nor do we find, action of the Lodge thereon. The only evidence before your committee is the statement of the appellant.

Therefore Resolved,—That the further consideration of this appeal be postponed until the next annual Session of this R. W. Grand Lodge.

Resolved,—That the above Report be adopted.

HU. BLAIN,
FIFE FOWLER,
J. HAM PERRY,
WM. FREEMAN.

The motion being to adopt the Report, Rep. H. Walker, seconded by Rep. Wm. Jaffray, moved the amend as follows, which was not agreed to.

Resolved : —That all after the words "Therefore resolved" in the first resolution accompanying the Report, be stricken out, and the following substituted : "That the appeal be dismissed."

The question being on the adoption of the Report, it was agreed to.

Rep. H. Blain gives notice, that at this afternoon's session he will move the adoption of the following amendments to the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges, viz :

To amend Clause 5, Art 2, as follows :

After the word "Clearance" in the second line, insert," or Dismissal Certificate.

To amend Clause 8, Art. 2, by adding, "and to the R. W. Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, monthly."

To amend clause 13, Art 2, by adding, "except by dispensation."

Clause 14, Art 2 To be placed under a special heading, to be termed CARDS.

Clause 15, Art 2. To be placed under a special heading, to be termed RE-ADMISSION."

To amend Clause 7, Article 3, by striking out "declared elected by acclamation," and substitute "balloted for by some member, and declared elected unanimously."

To amend Clause 1. Art. 4, as follows :

Strike out the word "semi-monthly," and substitute the word "fortnightly."

To amend Clause 3 and 4, by striking out the second "the" in the third line.

To amend Clause 4, Art 4 as follows :

Strike out the words "other Lo lges" in the first line, and substitute the words "the Order :" before the word "term" in the second line, insert the word "current" and after the same word "term," insert the words "upon presentation of a proper Card," and before the word "officer" in the same line, add the word "elective."

To amend Clause 6. Art. 4, as follows :

After the word "semi-annual" in the first line, insert, "or annual, as provided by its by laws ;" and after the word "respectively," add "if semi-annual, and on the first regular meeting in July, if annual."

To amend Clause 3, Art. 6, as follows :

Strike out the words "an indefinite," in the first line, and substitute the words "a definite ;" also strike out the words, "for any other cause than for non-payment of dues," and strike out the word "shall," and substitute the word "may" in the third line.

Strike out Clause 4, Art. 6, entire.

Clause 5 to be numbered Clause 4; rest of Clauses to be re-numbered accordingly.

To amend Clause 10, Art. 6, as follows :

After the word "three" in the third line, add, "or more."

To amend Clause 12, Art. 6, as follows :

After the word "one" in the second line, add the words, "more or."

Nine o'clock having arrived, being the hour set apart for the exemplification of the secret work, the Grand Representatives proceeded with that business : and after some time spent in secret session, the Grand Lodge resumed its regular business, when on motion the Grand Lodge adjourned until nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

THIRD DAY.

MORNING SESSION.

KINGSTON, Aug. 7, 1874,
9 O'clock a. m.

The Grand Lodge met, and opened by the M. W. Grand Master.

Roll called. Present :

GEORGE WRIGHT,	*M. W.*	*Grand Master.*
R. WARRINER	*R. W.*	*Deputy Grand Master.*
H. E. BUTTERY	"	*Grand Warden.*
J. B. KING	"	*Grand Secretary.*
A. D. CLEMENT	"	*Grand Treasurer.*
JOHN GIBSON	"	*Grand Representative.*
JAMES WOODYATT	"	"
J. S. McMAHON	"	*Grand Marshal.*
HUGH McCOLL	"	*Grand Conductor.*
W. D. GORDON	"	*Grand Guardian.*
WILLIAM FITZSIMMONS	"	*Grand Chaplain.*

And a quorum of Representatives.

Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

H. C. Bingham, P. G. M., from the Committee on State of the Order, submitted the following Report, which was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:

The Committee on State of the Order submit the following:

On the question by Rep. James A. Montgomery:

"Would it be conducive to the interests of the Order to abolish the use of Charge Books during the initiatory ceremony, and during the opening and closing ceremony?"

Answer.—Yes, so far as possible. See Ontario Digest, page 121, 7th decision.

On the question by Corinthian Lodge No. 61:

"Is it lawful for a Lodge to loan the funds to any brother of the Lodge by mortgage, note, or otherwise?"

Answer.—The only legislation affecting this matter by this Grand Lodge, is embodied in Ontario Digest, page 60, 1st decision.

On the question by Western City Lodge No. 93:

"Can a Lodge legally fine any of its officers for being absent from a regular meeting, when there is not a quorum?"

Answer – Yes, if the By-laws provide for fining such officers for absence. In this case the fine seems the more reasonable, because the absence of said officers might have been the cause of the want of a quorum referred to.

On the questions by Rep. J. B. Meacham:

1st. "Can a Lodge pass a By-law to the effect that no brother should receive the P. W. until he has paid up his dues six months in advance?"

Answer —Yes. See Ontario Digest, page 88, 3rd decision.

2nd. "Can a member of the Manchester or Canadian Order become a member of our Order?"

Answer —Yes. Ontario Digest, page 73, 3rd decision.

3rd. "In the absence of the Noble Grand, Vice Grand, and all Past Grands, with a quorum of members present, can a Lodge be opened, and how?"

Answer – In the absence of all parties properly qualified to preside, a Lodge cannot be opened.

On the questions by Unity Lodge No. 47, viz:

1st. "If the N. G. of a Lodge resigns his position, say three or four months before the close of his term, can a brother who is eligible be nominated and elected the same evening that the resignation is received?"

Answer.—No. Ontario Digest, page 124, 2nd decision. Constitution Subordinates, Art. 3, Clause 4.

2nd. "Can any Past Grand present proceed to instal a Noble Grand (elected to fill a vacancy) on the evening of election, the D. D. G. M. not having been notified of the resignation, election or installation, and not being present, from the fact of not knowing that such installation would take place?"

Answer.—Yes. Ontario Digest, page 69, 7th decision; also page 70, 4th decision.

On the question by Walkerton Lodge No. 84:

"Can a Noble Grand rule a report out of order, emanating from the Finance Committee while in the discharge of their duty as Auditors, because the Finance Committee reported the officers guilty of dereliction of duty in not having degree meetings at the appointed time, and for not declaring members suspended for non-payment of dues, according to the By-laws of the Lodge?"

Answer.—It is impossible to define the limit of a Noble Grand's right in deciding questions of order, because so much is left to his own judgment, subject always to an appeal to the Lodge from his decision; but judging of what seems set forth in this question, we should not deem the report out of order for the causes stated.

Your Committee have several questions in hand, received too late to entitle them to consideration, but would state that the most of them have repeatedly been answered, as will be seen by reference to Ontario Digest.

In conclusion, we submit the following:

Resolved,—That the foregoing Report and answers be adopted.

H. C. BINGHAM,
W. GEORGE MUTTON,
J. B. McINTYRE.

Jas. Woodyatt, P. G. M., from the Special Committee on the Digest Grand Lodge of Ontario, submitted the following report, which was considered and apopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:

Your special Committee appointed at the last session to compile and publish a book of Laws, Decisions, &c., &c., respectfully report:

That as early as possible they took the matter into consideration, and finding that, in order to insure completeness, the work must of necessity be largely done by one person, and being fully persuaded that H. C. Bingham, P. G. Master, was quite competent to perform the duty, the Committee requested him to prepare the manuscript, subject to revision and final approval of the whole Committee, for which purpose a meeting was had in Stratford, when the work was approved and after mature deliberation it was decided to ask for tenders for the printing and binding of 500, 800 and 1000 copies, in half and full law sheep, on the supposition that the book would contain about two hundred pages.

Tenders were received from the Brantford EXPOSITOR London ADVERTISER, Stratford BEACON, London HERALD, and MESSRS. BELL & C[illegible] of Toronto.

After examination of the Tenders and consultat[illegible] all the Elective Grand Officers' the tender of Bro. M. D. Dawson, of the London HERALD was accepted for one thousand copies in full law sheep binding, the printing and paper for $262, and the binding at 30 cents per copy. If over two hundred pages the extra number to be paid for at the same rate for the printing and paper as per tender.

It was expected that the work would be ready for sale by the time the Grand Lodge assembled or before. This we regret is not the case, at the same time no blame can be attached to the printer, who we feel sure has used due diligence, and has done his utmost to meet the wishes of the Committee; but the time was too short. It is so far advanced as that the style and character of it can be seen and judged of.

Bro. R. Mathison P. G., a practical printer, kindly responded to the request of the Committee to undertake the proof reading and supervision of the work while in the printers hands.

Your Committee hope and believe that they have succeeded in producing a digest of the Laws and Decisions of this R W Grand Lodge, which will be of immense usefulness and advantage to the members of the order in this jurisdiction, one that if carefully read by them will in great measure render unnecessary, many of the calls again and again made on the M. W. Grand Master for decisions, and one that is confidentailly submitted for the approbation ot the Grand Lodge with the hope that the entire edition will at an early day be in the hands of attentive and appreciative readers.

It has been the aim and desire of your Committee to keep the expense as low as was consistent with having the work well done, and this they hope they have accomplished. The cost over and above the tender has been one Hundred and Fifty Dollars, which added to the printing and binding will make the whole cost of the work about eighty three cents per copy for a book that your Committee deem well worth one dollar.

We respectfully request that an order in favor of the Committse may be drawn on the Treasurer for the sum of $150, less $14, the amount paid for the committee in attending the meeting in Stratford.

We submit the following:

Resolved,—That the above Report be adopted.

JAMES WOODYATT, CL. T. CAMPBELL,
H. C. BINGHAM, J. B. KING.
A. D. CLEMENT.

The Report of the Committee on re-distribution of Districts being the special order for this hour was taken up and considered.

Rep. H. G. Flack, seconded by Rep. Wm. Jaffray, moved the following.

Resolved,—That the report of the Committee be amended by taking Nith Lodge, No. 96, and Grand Union Lodge No. 97, out of the seventh District, and associating them with the eighth district.

Rep. W. N. Ford, P. G. M. seconded by Rep. J. Craig, moved in amendment as follows :

Resolved :—That report of the Committee on dividing the jurisdiction into districts be not received, but that the same be referred back to the Committee with instructions to report that the number of districts be not reduced, and that only one official visit to each Lodge be required.

The amendment of Rep. W. N. Ford, P. G. M., prevailed.

Rep. Jos. Wright, from the Committee on Petitions and Correspondence, submitted the following report, which was considered and adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

We the Committee on Petitions and Correspondence to whom has been submitted the M. W. Grand Master's correspondence would beg leave to report as follows:

Having examined the same, we find them properly filed and of ready access in case of reference, and the Committee would suggest that all questions relative to the working of Subordinates be sent to the D. D. G. M.'s for solution, and in event of their being unable to decide the same, the said officers to submit them to the Grand Master, inasmuch as a very great amount of work is now imposed upon the Grand Master, which if sent through the proper channel might be avoided, and the arduous duties of that officer would be materially lessened.

We therefore submit the following:

Resolved,—That the above be adopted.

JOS. WRIGHT,
L. FERGUSON,
ROBT. EMANS.

Rep. J. Ham Perry, from the Committee on Appeals, submitted the following Report, which was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

BRO. THOMAS FIDDES,
vs.
FOREST CITY LODGE No. 38.

Your Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the above case, beg to report as follows :

1st. Bro. Fiddes was taken sick in the year 1873, and received from the Lodge his sick benefits up to 11th August, 1873.

2nd. A doubt arising in the Lodge as to the exact state of health of Bro. Fiddes, and his ability to perform daily work, a special committee of three physicians was appointed to visit, examine, and report on these points.

3rd. The reports of the three physicians, given separately, did not agree as to Bro. Fiddes' state of health, or his ability to perform daily work. In addition to above, the regular Lodge Physician reported, "his sickness is more imaginary than real,' and "his inability to do ordinary labor is in my mind owing to a want of ambition, and the exercise requisite to the maintenance of good health."

4th. On the evidence before the Lodge, furnished by the four physicians, the Visiting Committee, and statements from members of the Lodge who had at different times visited Bro. Fiddes, it was resolved by the Lodge not to pay any sick benefits subsequent to 11th August, 1873.

5th. The health of Bro. Fiddes, in January and February, becoming more impaired, on 23rd February, 1874, the question again coming before the Lodge, Bro. Fiddes, on the report of the Visiting Committee, and by vote of the Lodge, was again paid his benefits, commencing from that date.

6th. Bro. Fiddes presented his claim for sick benefits, from 11th August, 1873, to 23rd February, 1874, and the Lodge resolved not to admit or pay the claim.

7th. From this action of the Lodge, Bro. Fiddes appeals to this R. W. Grand Lodge, and prays that Forest City Lodge No. 38, be directed and requested to pay his claim for said benefits.

Your Committee are of opinion that the Lodge, with all the evidence before it, and fully knowing all the local circumstances, is the best judge of the claim of Bro. Fiddes for sick benefits, between the 11th August, 1873, and the 23rd February, 1874. No sufficient evidence has been placed before your Committee to prove that the Lodge has acted unfairly or illegally in rejecting the claim, while it is the undoubted right of a brother to appeal to the R W. Grand Lodge on the points taken, by Bro. Fiddes. Still the action and decision of a Subordinate Lodge in such cases should not be changed or interfered with, except on the clearest and most satisfactory evidence.

Therefore resolved, that the appeal be dismissed.

Resolved,—That the foregoing Report be adopted.

H. BLAIN, FIFE FOWLER,
J. HAM PERRY, WM. FREEMAN

Rep. W. Badenach, from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following Report, which was considered *seriatim* and adopted:

To the R W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

Your Finance Committee beg to submit the following Report, and would recommend the undermentioned accounts to be paid:

George Wright, M. W. Grand Master	$50 00
R. W. Grand Secretary, Express charges	8 50
Rep. W. Badenach	6 00
F. Fowler, D. D. G. M.,	10 00
R. Warriner, D. G. M.,	33 00

Your Committee would make the following recommendations:

That the salary of this R. W. Grand Secretary for the present year, be Six Hundred Dollars—$600.

That Bro. Thos. Woodyatt be paid the sum of Twenty Dollars for services as Assistant Grand Secretary for the present session.

That the R. W. Grand Treasurer be paid the sum of One Hundred Dollars.

That the Auditors, Brothers W. Badenach and A. R. Narraway, be paid the sum of ($15) Fifteen Dollars each, for services auditing the books and accounts of this R. W. Grand Lodge.

That Brothers, Perry, Janitor, and Lanigan, caretaker, be paid each $6.

That the sum of Thirty Dollars be granted to Barrie Lodge, No. 63.

Therefore be it,

Resolved,—That the above Report be adopted.

WM. BADENACH,
W. W. GRIFFEY,
J. M. LAWRIE.

Rep. H. Blain, from the Committee on Appeals, submitted the following Report which was adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

JOHN HEBBLETHWAITE
vs.
MAITLAND LODGE, No. 119.

Your Committee on Appeals to whom was referred the case of John Hebblethwaite, appealing against the action of Maitland Lodge, No. 119, beg to present the following report.

We learn from the papers which we have carefully examined that the committee refused to take evidence in the case except as to such circumstances as

occurred after the accused Brother had become a member of the order.

We also find that although the Brother admitted his guilt as to part of the charges of a most painful and disgraceful nature, the committee at their request were discharged without imposing any penalty whatever on the Brother for his offence.

We are of opinion that a most unquestionable want of fairness was shown the appellant, and therefore recommend that the appeal be sustained, and the Maitland Lodge, No. 119, be required to hold a new trial, and to receive all evidence bearing upon the question, whether the circumstances occurred before or after the Brother's admittance, or whether from Brothers, or persons outside of our order.

Resolved,—That the foregoing be adopted.

HU. BLAIN,
FIFE FOWLER,
WM. FREEMAN,
J. HAMPERRY.

The following, moved by James Woodyatt, P. G. M., seconded by H. McAfee, P. G. M., was adopted.

Resolved,—That the Grand Master, Grand Secretary, and Grand Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay Bro. M. D. Dawson, the Publisher of the "Ontario Digest," the amount of the tender for said work, when the same shall have been delivered to the R. W. Grand Secretary.

Jas. Woodyatt, P. G. M., from the special Committee on that subject, submitted the following report which was considered and adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

Your Special Committee to whom was referred clause 15, of the Grand Secretary's report having reference to price of supplies respectfully report:

That having carefully considered the matter we recommend the adoption of the following.

Resolved,—That the Grand Secretary be instructed to sell all supplies received from the Grand Lodge of the U. S., to Subordinate Lodges in this Province at a uniform advance of 33⅓ per cent on prices charged by the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Your Committee are led to make this recommendation in consequence of the inequality of the rate hitherto charged, some of the supplies having been sold at an advance of nearly 70 per cent., while others have been sold at an actual loss to the Grand Lodge of Ontario.

We submit as follows,

Resolved,—That the foregoing Report and resolution be adopted.

JAS. WOODYATT, JOHN CRAIG,
J. A. MONTGOMERY, T. G. McCORMACK,
FREDERICK T. YATES.

The following was resolved in the affirmative, moved by Rep. C. B. Stevens, seconded by Rep. Jno. Lawrence,

Resolved, That the amendments to the Constitution of Subordinates, as passed be referred to a Special Committee, who are requested to submit an amended Constitution for adoption at the next annual Session of this R. W. Grand Lodge.

John Gibson, P. G. M., from the Committee on that subject, submitted their Report, which was amended as follows:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

We, your Committee on Re-division of Districts, to whom was referred back their Report on Clause 10 of the M. W. Grand Master's Address, would submit the following Report, as instructed, viz:

Resolved,—That the Districts remain the same as last year, and that the District Deputy Grand Master visit officially once a year.

JOHN GIBSON, ROBT. DODDS,
JNO. A. PARKER, THOS. HENDERSON,
NATHAN FLATER.

The question being to adopt the Report, the following amendment was adopted:

Moved by Rep. R. Kirkpatrick, seconded by W. N. Ford, P. G. M., and

Resolved,—That the following be added to the Report, "at the expense of this R. W. Grand Lodge."

The question being to adopt the report as amended,

Rep. H. G. Flack, seconded by Rep. Wm. Jaffrey, moved further to amend by adding the following, which was agreed to:

Resolved,—That Nith Lodge No. 96, be taken from District No. 14, and added to District No. 24.

The question now being to adopt the Report as amended,

Rep. S. McCammon, seconded by Rep. W. D. Gordon, moved further to amend as follows, which was agreed to:

Resolved,—That the Report of the Committee on re-adjustment of Districts be further amended by adding the following:

"That Gananoque Lodge be taken from District No. 1, and added to District No. 2"

The Report, as amended, was adopted.

Rep. J. B. McIntyre, from the Committee on State of the Order submitted the following Report, which was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

We, your Committee on State of the Order, to whom was referred the claim of Rep. James McGaw, of Ottawa, for admission to rank in this Jurisdiction as a P. G. Master, submit as follows:

We find from a Report of the eighth annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of Victoria, I. O. O. F., that he was there acting as Grand Master of the same; that since that he has become a member of our Order in this Jurisdiction, by Card, and your Committee recommend that he be allowed to rank as a Past Grand Master.

Resolved,—That the above Report be adopted.

J. B. McINTYRE,
W. GEORGE MUTTON,
H. C. BINGHAM.

Rep. W. N. Ford, from the Committee on Legislation, submitted the following Report, which was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

We, your Committee on Legislation submit the following resolutions on the matters referred to us, viz:

As to Clause 11 of the M. W. Grand Master's Report,

Resolved,—That Clause 15, Art. 6, Constitution of Subordinate Lodges, be amended by adding: "Provided always that such appeal be forwarded to the R. W. Grand Secretary within three months from the date of the final action of the Lodge in the matter to be appealed against."

Resolved,—That a short and concise form of charge and appeal be prepared by the R. W. Grand Secretary, and printed with the proceedings of the Grand Lodge.

As to Clause 13 of the Grand Master's Report,

Resolved,—That Clause 9, Constitution of this Grand Lodge, be amended by striking out the words. "in good standing," in the fourth line.

As to Clause 8, R. W. Grand Secretary's Report.

Resolved,—That for the purpose of avoiding delay in securing the Returns from the several Subordinate Lodges, that hereafter the Per. Secretary of each

Subordinate Lodge shall transmit direct to the Grand Secretary all returns and moneys for per capita tax or supplies.

Also as to the same clause,

Resolved,—That hereafter it shall not be necessary or imperative that all communications with Lodges shall take place only through the District Deputy Grand Master.

As to clause 13, R. W. Grand Secretary's Report, having reference to the documents with declaration, &c., prepared by P. P. Thos. Woodyatt, with a view of having this Grand Lodge incorporated.

Be it Resolved,—That the Grand Officers procure the incorporation of this Grand Lodge with as little delay as possible.

With regard to the amendments proposed by Union Lodge No. 16, and Empire Lodge No. 87.

Be it Resolved,—That Clause 9, Art. 5, Constitution of Subordinate Lodges, be amended by striking out the words: "Provided always that such weekly benefits shall in no case exceed three times the quarterly contribution required from each member to the general benefit fund."

Resolved,—That Clause 10, Art. 5, be amended by striking out the words: "Provided always that no annuity shall exceed the amount that would be contributed by any one member to such Widows' and Orphans' Fund within the space of twenty-five years under the By-laws of the Lodge, and that if relief be otherwise given, the amount shall in no case exceed four times the limit thus fixed for annuities."

As to the resolution of Rep. McMahon, to alter Clause 8 of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, so that all officers of the Grand Lodge shall have the right to make motions and debate questions,

Be it Resolved,—That the constitution be not changed in this respect.

We therefore submit the following:

Resolved,—That the above Report and accompanying Resolutions be adopted

HENRY McAFEE,
W. N. FORD,
SAMUEL G. DOLSON,
JOHN LAWRENCE.

The following was resolved in the affirmative, moved by W. N. Ford, P. G. M., seconded by H. McAfee, P. G. M.

Resolved,—That the Grand Master be instructed to sign an order for payment of the necessary expenses of having the Grand Lodge incorporated, during recess.

The following, moved by Rep. H. McAfee, P. G. M., seconded by Rep. L. Ferguson, was adopted:

Resolved,—That whereas the Rev. St. George Caulfield, a member of Elgin Lodge, located at St. Thomas, had taken a withdrawal Card from said Lodge previous to its becoming defunct, and that said card having been lost or mislaid for a number of years, that the Grand Secretary is hereby directed to issue a duplicate Withdrawal Card to P. G. St. George Caulfield.

The following, moved by Rep. H. Blain, was adopted:

Resolved,—That the notice of motion given by Rep. Hu. Blain, at the session of 1873, page ——, be laid over until the next session of this Grand Lodge.

Rep. J. T. Hornibrook, from the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, submitted the following Report, which was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

The Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, herewith submit tabular statement of mileage and per diem which Officers and Representatives are entitled to receive, in accordance with the resolution adopted at the present Session, and offer the following:

Resolved,—That the mileage and per diem allowed in the accompanying table to each Officer and Representative is hereby ordered to be paid.

JOHN T. HORNIBROOK, R. C. GUERIN,
JAMES RICHARDS, J. F. O'NEIL,
D. M. TELFORD.

TABLE OF MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

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GRAND OFFICERS.								
Grand Master		Toronto	322	$ 12 88	3	$ 6 00	$ 18 88	George Wright, M. D.
Deputy Grand Master		Port Perry	300	12 00	3	6 00	18 00	R. Warriner.
Grand Warden		London	552	22 08	3	6 00	26 08	H. E. Buttery.
" Secretary		Brantford	454	18 16	5	10 00	28 16	J. B. King.
" Treasurer		"	454	18 16	3	6 00	24 16	A. D. Clement.
" Representative		"	454	18 16	3	6 00	24 16	James Woodyatt.
" "		Stratford	498	19 92	3	6 00	25 92	John Gibson.
" Marshal		Hamilton	400	16 00	3	6 00	22 00	J. S. McMahon
" Conductor		Strathroy	592	23 68	3	6 00	29 68	Hugh McColl
" Chaplain		Brockville	94	3 76	3	6 00	9 76	William Fitzsimmons
" Guardian		Kingston			3	6 00	6 00	W. D. Gordon
Brock	9	Brockville	94	3 76	3	6 00	9 76	Hugh Wilkinson
"	9	"	94	3 76	3	6 00	9 76	John Briggs
Union	16	St. Catharines	464	18 56	3	6 00	24 56	S. G. Dolson
"	16	"	464	18 56	5	10 00	28 56	W. A. Rawlins
"	16	"	464	18 56	3	6 00	24 56	I. B. McIntyre
Chatham	29	Chatham	680	27 20	3	6 00	33 20	James Richardson
"	29	"	680	27 20	3	6 00	33 20	James Moore
Eureka	30	London	552	22 08	3	6 00	28 08	E. R. Robinson
"	30	"	552	22 08	3	6 00	28 08	George Powell, Sr
"	30	"	552	22 08	5	10 00	32 08	R. Kirkpatrick
Erie	33	Port Burwell	504	20 16	3	6 00	26 16	G. H. Pontine
Gore	34	Brantford	454	18 16	5	10 00	28 16	W. S. Campbell
Samaritan	35	Ingersoll	514	20 56	3	6 00	26 56	W. W. Griffey

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"	30	London	552	22 08	3	6 00	28 08	E. R. Robinson
"	30	"	552	22 08	3	6 00	28 08	George Powell, Sr
"	30	"	552	22 08	5	10 00	32 08	R. Kirkpatrick
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St. Marys	36	St. Marys	518	20 72	3	6 00	26 72	James Craig
"	36	"	518	20 72	3	6 00	26 72	W. N. Ford
Forest City	38	London	552	22 08	3	6 00	28 08	J. W. Fletcher
"	38	"	552	22 08	3	6 00	28 08	George Shaw
"	38	"	552	22 08	3	6 00	28 08	J. K. Weir
Rond Eau	40	Blenheim	704	28 16	3	6 00	34 16	N. Flater
Avon	41	Stratford	498	19 92	3	6 00	25 92	John Henderson
"	41	"	498	19 92	3	6 00	25 92	Alexander Scrimgeour
"	41	"	498	19 92	3	6 00	25 92	Chas Paeckert
Excelsior	44	Hamilton	400	16 00	3	6 00	22 00	W. Lewis
"	44	"	400	16 00	3	.....	.....	J. S. McMahon
"	44	"	400	16 00	3	6 00	22 00	Thomas Cox
Frontier	45	Windsor	772	30 88	3	6 00	36 88	Joseph S. Edgar
"	45	"	772	30 88	3	6 00	36 88	Thomas Reid
Unity	47	Hamilton	400	16 00	3	6 00	22 00	George Midgley
"	47	"	400	16 00	3	6 00	22 00	Joseph H. Wilson
"	47	"	400	16 00	3	6 00	22 00	J. C. Williams
Dominion	48	London	552	22 08	3	6 00	28 08	J. W. Jones
"	48	"	552	22 08	3	6 00	28 08	Henry Bell
Canada	49	Toronto	322	12 88	3	6 00	18 88	William Menzies
"	49	"	322	12 88	3	6 00	18 88	J. G. Coleman
"	49	"	322	12 88	3	6 00	18 88	Robert Dodds
Otter	50	Tilsonburg	524	20 96	3	6 00	26 96	Walter Allen
Bissell	51	Mitchell	524	20 96	3	6 00	26 96	J. P. Lainglais

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Covenant	52	Toronto	322	$ 12 88	3	$ 6 00	$ 18 88	J. T. Hornibrook
"	52	"	322	12 88	3	6 00	18 88	Hugh Blain
"	52	"	322	12 88	3	6 00	18 88	T. J. McCormack
Niagara Falls	53	Clifton	486	19 44	3	6 00	25 44	William Lacey
"	53	"	486	19 44	3	6 00	25 44	R. C. Guerin
Collingwood	54	Collingwood	510	20 40	3	6 00	26 40	James Henry
Fidelity	55	Seaforth	544	21 84	3	6 00	27 84	James Beaty
Queen City of Ontario	56	Toronto	322	12 88	3	6 00	18 88	Joseph Wright
"	56	"	322	12 88	3	6 00	18 88	James Richards
"	56	"	322	12 88	3	6 00	18 88	J. W. Hunt
Maple Leaf	57	Orangeville	420	16 80	3	6 00	22 80	F G Dunbar
Howard	58	Strathroy	592	23 68	3	6 00	29 68	H. Urquhart
"	58	"	592	23 68	3	6 00	29 68	D. M. Telford
Kingston	59	Kingston			3	6 00	6 00	F. Fowler
"	59	"			3	6 00	6 00	Alexander Smith
Wardsville	60	Wardsville	632	25 28	3	6 00	31 28	Wm. Murphy
Corinthian	61	Oshawa	254	10 16	3	6 00	16 16	Matthew Weston
"	61	"	254	10 16	3	6 00	16 16	James Brown
Huron	62	Goderich	588	23 52	3	6 00	29 52	F. F. Lawrence
"	62	"	588	23 52	3	6 00	29 52	F. W. Johnston
Victoria	64	Hamilton	400	16 00	3	6 00	22 00	R Evans
Friendship	65	Petrolia	644	25 76	3	6 00	31 76	E Burnham
"	65	"	644	25 76	3	6 00	31 76	R. Durham
Florence Nightingale	66	Bowmanville	236	9 44	3	6 00	15 44	W. P. Prower
"	66	"	236	9 44	3	6 00	15 44	D. S. Weir

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Exeter	67	Exeter	576	$ 23 04	3	$ 6 00	$ 29 04	C. Senior
North Star	68	Stayner	494	19 76	3	6 00	25 76	H Bishop
Hope	69	Harrietsville	534	21 36	3	6 00	27 36	C. Barr
Lucan	70	Lucan	550	22 00	3	6 00	28 00	T. Hossock
The Toronto	71	Toronto	322	12 88	3	6 00	18 18	W. G. Mutton
"	71	"	322	12 88	3	6 00	18 18	F. T. Yates
Eastern Star	72	Whitby	262	10 48	3	6 00	16 48	J. H. Perry
"	72	"	262	10 48	3	6 00	16 48	J. A. Parker
Fergus	73	Fergus	450	18 00	3	6 00	24 00	John Craig
Bothwell	74	Bothwell	636	25 44	3	6 00	31 44	H. Richards
Warriner	75	Port Perry	300	12 00	3	6 00	18 00	T. J. Davis
St. Thomas	76	St. Thomas	582	23 28	3	6 00	29 28	J Heard, Jr
"	76	"	582	23 28	3	6 00	29 28	L. Ferguson
Oxford	77	Ingersoll	514	20 56	3	6 00	26 56	J. H. Syze
Durham	78	Port Hope	196	7 84	3	6 00	13 84	J. A. Montgomery
Nipissing	79	Uxbridge	364	14 56	3	6 00	20 56	J. E. Walks
Amity	80	Prescott	120	4 80	3	6 00	10 80	John Stitt
Belleville	81	Belleville	96	3 84	3	6 00	9 84	H. Walker
Beaver	82	Ruthven	830	33 20	3	6 00	39 20	J. McNutt
Clinton	83	Clinton	564	22 56	3	6 00	28 56	Hugh Scott
Walkerton	84	Walkerton	558	22 32	3	6 00	28 32	C. B. Stevens
Constellation	85	Burgessville	520	20 80	3	6 00	26 80	W H. Dennis
Napanee	86	Napanee	52	2 08	3	6 00	8 08	John Graham
Empire	87	St. Catharines	464	18 56	3	6 00	24 56	John M. Lawrie
"	87	"	464	18 56	3	6 00	24 56	John Read

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Olive Branch	88	Woodstock	496	$ 19 84	3	$ 6 00	$ 25 84	R. McWhinnie
Reliance	89	Guelph	418	16 72	3	6 00	22 72	Hugh Walker
Ivy	90	Parkhill	578	24 12	3	6 00	29 12	E. E. Chipman
Grand River	91	Paris	458	18 32	3	6 00	24 32	John Lawrence
Milton	92	Milton	410	16 40	3	6 00	22 40	W. Panton
Western City	93	Chatham	680	27 20	3	6 00	33 20	Thomas G. Stanton
Aylmer	94	Aylmer	554	22 16	3	6 00	28 16	John White
Port Stanley	95	Port Stanley	602	24 08	3	6 00	30 08	Thomas Robinson
Nith	96	New Hamburg	472	18 88	3	6 00	24 88	H. G. Flack
Grand Union	97	Berlin	446	17 84	3	6 00	23 84	Wm. Jaffray
Minto	98	Harriston	514	20 56	3	6 00	26 56	John Henderson
Peabody	99	Watford	618	24 72	3	6 00	30 72	John Lovel
Golden Star	101	Brampton	364	14 56	3	6 00	20 56	J. J. Bunting
Dosoronto	102	Millpoint	78	3 12	3	6 00	9 12	Robert Conley
Cataract	103	Drummondville	487	19 48	3	6 00	25 48	Chas. P. Lacey
Crescent	104	Hamilton	400	16 00	3	6 00	22 00	F. Claringbowl
Manilla	105	Manilla	322	13 28	3	6 00	19 28	Asaph Edwards
St. Clair	106	Pt. Edward	658	26 32	3	6 00	32 32	J. F. O'Neil
Waterloo	107	Galt	448	17 92	3	6 00	23 92	H. P. Nellis
Royal Oak	108	Forrest	614	24 56	3	6 00	30 56	R. S. Conklin
Orion	109	Georgetown	380	15 20	3	6 00	21 20	W Freeman
Laurel	110	Yorkville	324	12 96	3	6 00	18 96	W. Badenach
Peterboro	111	Peterboro	...	...	...	...	...	Absent
Lucknow	112	Lucknow	628	25 12	3	6 00	31 12	George Douglass
Trenton	113	Trenton	120	4 80	3	6 00	10 80	J. W. Riddick

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Gananoque	114	Gananoque	34	$ 1 36	3	$ 6 00	$ 7 36	S. McCammon
Harmony	115	Brantford	454	18 16	3	6 00	24 16	[illegible] Cameron
Naomi	116	Markham	326	13 04	3	6 00	19 04	H. Wilson
Valley City	117	Dundas	412	16 48	3	6 00	22 48	J. B. Meacham
Shannonville	118	Shannonville	32	1 28	3	6 00	9 28	Henry Lanxon
Maitland	119	Wingham	610	24 40	3	6 00	30 40	S. G. Cox
Sydenham Valley	120	Wallaceburg	688	27 52	3	6 00	33 52	Asa Cronk
Saxon	121	Ailsa Craig	561	22 56	3	6 00	28 56	F. Atkinson
Streetsville	122	Streetsville	370	14 80	3	6 00	20 80	D. Breckenridge
Palmerston	123	Palmerston	504	20 16	3	6 00	26 16	J. W. McMillan
Dresden	124	Dresden	672	27 28	3	6 00	33 28	Richard Wallace
Stella	125	Carleton Place	184	7 36	3	6 00	13 36	R. G. Russell
Sarnia	126	Sarnia	658	26 32	3	6 00	32 32	D. McColl
Mizpah	127	Belleville	96	3 84	3	6 00	9 84	R. Tracey
Mystic	128	Kilbride	423	16 83	3	6 00	22 83	Amos Gillott
Charity	129	Sunderland	380	15 52	3	6 00	21 52	J. Lucas
Livingstone	130	Thorold	468	18 72	3	6 00	24 72	F. W. McCaskill
Marion	131	Renfrew	266	10 64	3	6 00	16 64	Jeremiah Chatterton
Oakville	132	Oakville	374	14 96	3	6 00	20 96	W. J. Galbraith
Glencoe	133	Glencoe	614	24 56	3	6 00	30 56	R. Clanahan
Orient	134	Welland	492	19 68	3	6 00	25 68	D. McConachie
Peaceful Dove	135	Cannington	400	16 00	3	6 00	22 00	W. Thompson
Cobourg	136	Cobourg	184	7 36	3	6 00	13 36	Alexander Pratt
St. Lawrence	137	Brockville	94	3 76	3	6 00	9 76	J. Menish
Ancaster	138	Ancaster	414	16 56	3	6 00	20 56	W. H. Thueresson
Orion	109	Georgetown	380	15 20	3	6 00	21 20	W. Freeman
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Garnet	139	Mount Forest	495					Not Present
Leamington	140	Leamington	838	33 52	3	6 00	39 52	H. McAfee
Capital	141	Ottawa	240	9 60	3	6 00	15 60	James McGaw
Concord	142	Kingsville	822	32 88	3	6 00	38 88	James Brown
Bay of Quinte	143	Picton	100	4 00	3	6 00	10 00	John Newton
Ridgetown	144	Ridgetown	676	27 04	3	6 00	33 04	O. B. Hulin
H. C. Bingham, P. G. M., Compiler of Digest, Grand Lodge of Ont...			552	22 08	3	6 00	28 08	

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned for half an hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

KINGSTON, Aug. 7th, 1874.

The Grand Lodge re-assembled, pursuant to adjournment.

Present: All the Grand Officers (excepting the Grand Treasurer), and a quorum of Representatives.

The Warden and Conductor having examined all present, declared them duly qualified, whereupon, by direction of the Grand Master, the Grand Marshal declared the Grand Lodge open for business.

Pending the reading of the minutes, the following, moved by Rep. J. W. Redick, seconded by Rep. John Graham, was adopted:

Resolved,—That Reps. Henry Lanxon and H. Walker be granted leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

The Minutes of the former Session were read and adopted.

George Irwin, R. W. Grand Treasurer elect, submitted his bond, which on motion was accepted by the Grand Lodge.

In accordance with the notice of motion given at the last Session by Rep. W. J. Diamond, the following amendment, moved by Rep. Hugh Walker, seconded by Rep. J. W. Redick, was considered, and resolved in the negative:

Resolved,—That Clause 5 of the Constitution of the R. W. Grand Lodge be amended, and the same is hereby amended as follows:

"Every Lodge within the Jurisdiction shall at its first meeting in the month of July, annually, elect by ballot from its Past Grands in good standing, a Representative or Representatives, as follows, that is to say: One Representative where the number of members returned in the next preceding Semi-Annual Report shall be 100 or less; over 100, two Representatives, and no more."

The reading of the Report of the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, which was under consideration when the Grand Lodge adjourned, was continued, and the Report adopted.

The following, moved by Rep. J. Craig, seconded by Rep. C. B. Stevens, was resolved in the affirmative:

Resolved,—That leave of absence be granted Rep. W. G. McMillan, of Palmerston Lodge No. 123; Rep. John Henderson, Minto Lodge No. 98; Rep. Hugh Walker, Reliance Lodge No. 89; Rep. Wallace and Rep. J. Henry, Collingwood Lodge No. 54, for the remainder of the Session.

Rep. J. W. Hunt, from the Special Committee on that subject, submitted the following Report, which was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.:

Your Special Committee, appointed touching the matter of appeal in the case of W. D. Kennedy, which was before the Grand Lodge of the United States, and referred back by them to this Grand Lodge for additional records, beg leave to report as follows:

That in our opinion—as the whole matter rests on the fact that the said W. D. Kennedy did not sign the Constitution and By-laws of Toronto Lodge on the night of his admission; and as Clause 6, Article 2 of the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges of this Jurisdiction staes: "That every member, on his admission, shall sign a promise to support and abide by the Constitution and By-laws of the Lodge, and pay all legal demands against him so long as he shall remain a member," (which clause has been confirmed by subsequent decisions of this R. W. G. Lodge.) [See 865, 897 Journal, page 74, 2nd decision: "Membership commences with the introduction to the Lodge after the candidate has signed the Constitution and By-laws."]

Therefore your Committee maintain that the action of this R. W. Grand Lodge, in dismissing the appeal of W. D. Kennedy, was correct and proper, for the following reasons

1st. Clause 1132 of White's Digest, states that "The time at which a person who is elected to membership, either by card or on an original application for initiation, is to be considered a member of the Lodge electing him, is a matter that can very properly be left to local legislation This Grand Lodge not having decided whether it shall date from the time of his election, or the time he signs the Constitution and By-laws. So, also, as to a ceremony of introduction of a brother admitted by Card."

2nd. Clause 1133 of Digest reads: "Whether a brother who has applied for membership by Card in an Encampment or Lodge, can be considered a member thereof before he has been introduced and signed the Constitution and By-laws, or whether he is a member and subject to dues from his election, is a matter for local legislation." 1858 Journal 2954, 2976

3rd. Clause 1145 of Digest reads: "When a brother applies for membership on deposit of Card, and is elected and signs the Constitution, his Card should remain in the Lodge. But if the local law dates membership from the time of signing the Constitution, the brother elect who fails to appear and sign the same, may demand the return of his Card; because, until he signs the Constitution, he is not a member of the Lodge."

4th. Clause 1925: "When Card may be withdrawn after deposit."

When a brother applies for membership on deposit of Card, and is elected and signs the Constitution, his Card should remain in the Lodge.

So, also, if the local law date membership from the time of the applicant's election, the Card should then remain in the Lodge after election, and the applicant cannot demand its return whether he signs the Constitution or not.

Your Committee are therefore of the opinion that the foregoing extracts from the Digest clearly show that local laws govern the case entirely, and (as before stated in this Report) our Constitution states that a candidate must sign the Constitution and By-laws at the time of his admission before becoming a member;—Therefore we consider that this Right Worthy Grand Lodge has clearly proven its case, and hope our Representative to the G. L. U. S. will press the matter before that R. W. Grand Body to the utmost of his ability.

We submit the following: That the Grand Secretary be instructed to prepare a copy of the above Report, that the same be certified as correct, and signed by the M. W. Grand Master and R. W. Grand Secretary, and attested by the seal of this R. W. Grand Lodge.

Resolved,—That the above Report be adopted.

SAMUEL G. DOLSON, J, WALTER HUNT
GEORGE MIDGLEY, GEORGE SHAW,
H. WALKER.

Rep. J. W. Fletcher, seconded by Rep. E. R. Robinson, moved the following:

Resolved,—That when this Grand Lodge adjourn, it do so to meet in the city of London, on the first Wednesday in August, 1875.

Rep. C. B. Stevens, seconded by Rep. F. W. Johnston, moved in amendment as follows, which was not agreed to:

Resolved,—That the word "London" be stricken out, and the word "Walkerton" be inserted.

The question recurring on the motion of Rep. J. W. Fletcher, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The following was resolved in the affirmative: Moved by Rep. J. E. Durham, seconded by Rep. J. W. Hunt,

Resolved.—That this Grand Lodge present to each of the members of the Committee on Digest, and to Bro. R. Mathison, the proof reader, one copy of the said work.

The following notice of motion to amend the Constitution was made by Rep. J. W. Fletcher:

I beg leave to offer the following notice of amendment to the Report of the Committee on Legislation, page 1049, 1st clause, of Journal of Proceedings of 1873: That all the words after "I. O. O. F." in the first line be struck out, and the following inserted: "That a District Deputy Grand Master be appointed in each place where a Lodge or Lodges exist."

Rep. W. S. Campbell, from the Committee on Laws of Subordinates, submitted the following Report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F.

Your Committee on Laws of Subordinates have examined the Constitution and By-Laws submitted to them as carefully as the time at their disposal would permit, and recommend them approved, with the exceptions hereinafter noted. We find that very many of the Lodges have failed to mark the necessary corrections in their Constitutions, consequent upon the legislation of this Grand Lodge during the last few years. Other Lodges have failed to comply with the instructions of the Grand Lodge; and instead of making the corrections on printed slips, pasted in their appropriate places, have written them on fly leaves at the beginning or end of the book. We have called the attention of the Lodges in our Report to the alterations in the Constitution which they should have made. Instead of repeating the authorities for the corrections required in the body of the report, we have given references to foot notes at the end, as was done by your Committee last year.

Union Lodge, No. 16.

Two copies of Constitution and By-laws submitted.

* Art 2, Clause 2, Constitution incorrect.

b. Art. 3, Clause 2, By-laws, strike out all after word "vote" in 8th line.

h. By-law 3. Art 6, strike out "$4.00" and insert "$3.60."

Eureka Lodge, No. 30.

k. One copy of a resolution passed, amending one of the By-laws of this Lodge, which one is not stated. The substance of the amendment is given, however, and is approved.

Rondeau Lodge, No. 40.

k. Copies submitted are not certified. No seal.

* Art. 2, Clauses 1 and 8 of the Constitution incorrect.

a. By-law 1, strike out, "between the age of 21 and 50 years," and insert "not less than 21 years of age."

l. By-law 21, 7th line, strike out "two" and insert "one;" 9th line, strike out "three" and insert "two."

c. By-law 27, 29th line, after word "committee," "insert originally appointed by him."

Frontier Lodge, No. 45.

k. One copy Constitution and By-laws submitted, without Seal of Lodge, and not certified.

h. Amend By-law 49, strike out "40" and insert "30."

a. Art. 2, Clause 1, Constitution, strike out the words in second line, "and not over 50."

* Art 2, Clause 2, Constitution incorrect.

c. Amend by-law 12, after word "committees," in ninth line, insert "originally appointed by him."

Niagara Falls Lodge, No. 53.

a By-Law 34, 6th line, strike out "after which none shall be admitted by initiation." Corrections in Constitution and By-Laws are inserted at the end of the book, instead of in their appropriate places.

Howard Lodge, No. 58.

c. By-law 17, strike out all after "$5.00."
a. By-law 37, strike out "after which none shall be admitted by initiation."

Huron Lodge, No. 62.

Amendment to Art. 3, Clause 1 of By-laws, abolishing the office of Per. Secretary, not approved. [See Journal G. L. Ontario, p. 407.]

Nipissing Lodge, No. 79.

Strike out, "and not over 50 years of age."
* Art. 2, Clause 1 of Constitution incorrect.
Clause 9, strike out all after "rejection" in third line.
a. By-law 27, strike out, "after which age none shall be admitted."
Page 50, form of appeal to a "District Grand Committee" inappropriate.

Walkerton Lodge, No. 84.

h. By-law No. 44, strike out "$40," and insert "$30." Constitution and By-laws submitted.

Empire Lodge, No. 87.

h. By-law 2, Art. 6, strike out "$4," and insert "$3.60." Constitution and By-laws submitted.

Grand River Lodge, No. 91.

Constitution and By-laws submitted.
a. Art. 2, Clause 1, strike out, "and not over 50."
* Art. 2, Clause 2, Constitution, incorrect.
By-laws Nos. 35 and 66, approved as amended, and new By-laws Nos. 70 and 71, approved of.

Milton Lodge, No. 92.

* Art. 2. Clause 4, Constitution, strike out all after word "quarter" in fifth line and insert, "this Lodge shall place such portion of its quarterly dues to to the credit ofthe W. and O. Fund as it may see fit, provided it be not less than one-fifth nor more than one-third, the remainder to be placed to the credit of the General Benefit Fund."
a. By-law 27, strike out, "after which age none shall be admitted."

Port Stanley Lodge, No. 95.

k. Two copies of Constitution and By-laws submitted without seal, and not certified.
* Art. 2, Clause 2, Constitution, incorrect.
New By-law, No. 86, approved.
New By-law, No. 87, after word "be" in 5th line, insert, "reprimanded."

Nith Lodge, No. 96.

* Art 4, Clause 1 of Constitution incorrect.

Grand Union Lodge, No. 97.

* Art 2, Clauses 8 and 9; Art. 4, Clause 9; Art. 5, Clause 4; and Art. 6, Clause 5, of Constitution incorrect.
c. By-law 10, after word "committee" in 16th line, insert, "originally appointed by him."

Lindsay Lodge, No. 100.

k. Only one copy submitted, and not certified.
g. By-law 1, strike out, "or by the V. G. or Secretary."
a. By-law 34, strike out, "after which none shall be admitted."
a. By-law 35, make the same correction as in 34.

Cataract Lodge, No. 108.

Two copies of Constitution and By-laws submitted.
a. Art. 2, Clause 1, strike out. "and not over 50."
b. Art. 3, Clause 2, strike out all after word "vote" in 8th line. Amendments to By-laws Nos. 15 and 16, approved.

Orion Lodge, No. 109.

* Art. 2, Clause 1 of Constitution incorrect.
m. By-law 38, Clause 3, after word "time," insert "all fines for neglect of duty.
h. By-law 47, after word "sums" in 11th line, insert, "not exceeding $30."

Valley City Lodge, No. 117.

Copy of By-laws not certified.
g. By-law 1, strike out, "by the V. G. or Secretary."
j. By-law 46, strike out entire by-law.

Maitland Lodge. No. 119.

By-laws in MSS. only submitted.
a. Art 1, Section 1, Clause 1, strike out, "nor beyond the age of fifty."
b. Art 3, Section 1, Clause 6, strike out entire clause.
c. Art 3, Section 5, Clause 1, after word "committees" in the 22nd line, insert "originally appointed by him."
d. Art 6, Section 2, Clause 1, strike out last sentence, "but in no case shall benefits be granted to a brother for the first week of sickness."
e. Art 7, Section 1, Clause 3, strike out entire clause
f. Art 7, Section 4, Clause 4, after word "effect" in fifth line insert, "and the consent of the Grand Lodge thereto, except in case of suspension for non-payment of dues."

Streetsville Lodge, No. 122.

k. Only one copy, and that not certified. No seal.
* Art 2, Clauses 1 and 8, incorrect. Art. 2, Clause 2, incorrect.
c. By-laws, Art. 3, Clause 2, after word "committees" in 23rd line, insert, "originally appointed by him."
a. Art. 7, Clause 1. strike out, "after which age none shall be admitted."
* Rule of Order 1, incorrect.

Dresden Lodge, No. 124.

k. Two copies of By-laws in MSS.. without seal of Lodge. and not certified.
a. By-law 1, strike out first line, and insert "any person of the full age of 21 years."
l. By-law No. 21, strike out the entire by-law, and insert "this Lodge shall at its first meeting in the month of July, annually, elect by ballot from amongst its Past Grands in good standing, a Representative or Representatives, as follows, that is to say, one Representative where the number of members returned in the next preceding Semi-Annual Report shall be 100 or less; over 100, and under 200, two Representatives; if over 200, three Representatives."
By-law No. 25, strike out all after word "Lodge" in 9th line.
c. By-law No. 27, strike out "to name" in 21st line, and after word "committees" in 22nd line, add "originally filled by his appointment."

By-law No. 51, strike out word "from" in 14th line, and insert, "anterior to."

c. By-law No. 66, after word "rank" in 5th line, strike out, "or while under charges duly preferred against him, he shall not be permitted to speak in the Lodge on any subject other than such charges, nor to vote on any question whatever."

f. By-law No. 76, after word "effect" in 4th line, insert "and the consent of the Grand Lodge thereto."

Sarnia Lodge, No. 126.

c. By-law 13, after word "committees" in 11th line, insert, "originally appointed by him."

h. By-law 53, strike out "$40" and insert "$30."

* Rules of Order. By removing from its proper place Rule of Order No. 2, which contains the "Order of Business," the remaining rules are all incorrectly numbered. Rule 2nd should be 3rd, and so on.

Mystic Lodge, No. 128.

* Art 5, Clause 4, and Art 6, Clause 5 of Constitution incorrect.

a. By-Law 27, strike out, "after which age none shall be admitted."

h. By-law 42, 13th line, strike out $4.00 and insert $3.60.

Charity Lodge, No. 129.

k. Copies submitted not properly certified.

c. By-law 9, 23rd line, after word "committee," insert "originally appointed by him."

c. By-law 55, after word "him" in 2nd line, insert "pertaining to his right to benefits."

Livingstone Lodge, No. 130.

* Art 2, Clause 1 of Constitution incorrect.

a. By-laws, Art. 2, Clause 1, strike out, "nor beyond the age of 50 years."

b. By-laws, Art. 3, Clause 2, strike out all after the word "vote" in 9th line.

h. By-laws, Art. 6, Clauses 7 and 8, strike out "40" and insert "30."

Marion Lodge, No. 131.

k. Only one copy submitted, and that not certified. No seal.

For Clause 1, see Journal, page 1089; for Clause 8 and 9, see Journal 1873; page 1090.

* Art. 2, Clauses 1, 8 and 9; Art. 4, Clause 9; Art. 5, Clause 4, and Art. 6, Clause 5, incorrect.

a. By-laws, Art. 2, Clause 1, strike out, "and not over 50."

c. Art. 4, Clause 2, after word "committees" in 21st line, insert "originally appointed by him."

e. Art. 12, Clause 3, strike out entire clause.

f. Art. 15, Clause 4, after word "effect" in 5th line, insert, "and the consent of the Grand Lodge thereto, except in cases of suspension for non-payment of dues."

Glencoe Lodge, No. 133.

One copy of Constitution and By-laws submitted: examined and found correct.

Orient Lodge, No. 134.

Strike out, "and not over 50 years of age"

* Art. 2, Clause 1, of Constitution incorrect.

a. Art. 2, Clause 1, By-laws, strike out "nor beyond the age of 50 years."

b. Art. 3, Clause 2, strike out all after the word "vote" in 8th line.

Peaceful Dove Lodge, No. 135.

k. Two copies, not certified, of certain amendments are submitted, but not attached to any By-laws which they might be supposed to amend. We have also

two copies of By-laws of Manilla Lodge, with a statement on a slip of paper attached, that "we have adopted the Manilla By-laws, and are now working under the same." But we are not told who has adopted the Manilla By-laws, there being neither seal, signature of officer, nor name of Lodge. On an examination of the amendments of Peaceful Dove Lodge, however, and a comparison of the By-laws of Manilla, your Committee think it possible they may be related to each other. If that be so, we recommend Peaceful Dove to make the following corrections in two copies of Manilla By-laws, viz: Append the signatures of the N. G. and Secretary, and the Seal of Peaceful Dove, and submit to the Grand Master for approval.

* Art 2, Clauses 1 and 8, incorrect.

c. By-law 9, after word "committees" in 23rd line, insert, "originally appointed by him."

e. By-law 55, after word "him" in 2nd line, insert, "pertaining to his right to benefits."

Wherever "Manilla Lodge No. 105," occurs, strike out and insert, "Peaceful Dove No. 135;" and wherever "Manilla" occurs, referring to location, strike out and insert "Cannington."

St. Lawrence Lodge, No. 137.

k. Two copies of By-laws in MSS, submitted without Seal.

a. Art. 1, Clause 1, strike out, "not over 50."

b. Art. 3, Clause 6, strike out entire clause.

Though summoned to meet two days prior to the opening of the Grand Lodge, the large amount of work devolving upon your Committee in the examination of the By-laws of so many different Lodges, has rendered it difficult for us to perform our duties as thoroughly as we could have wished, and makes it possible that some errors may have escaped our notice. Considering this fact, and also considering the impropriety of Lodges working for months under By-laws which have not been approved, it appears to us highly advisable that some alteration in the existing custom should be adopted, by which by-laws might be revised and approved during recess, subject to a reference to the Grand Lodge at the session following. At the last two sessions, had not a considerable share of the work been accomplished prior to the meeting of the Committee by the brothers who severally filled the office of chairman, it would have been almost, if not altogether, impossible for us to have satisfactorily performed our duty.

In revising the By-laws of the different Lodges, numerous inconsistencies, ambiguities of expression, errors in grammar, and mistakes of various kinds, have come under our notice; but as they have not been in direct conflict with the laws and usages of the Order, we have not thought it our duty to lengthen out our Report by any reference to them. We consider, however, that it would be of great advantage to have a model code of By laws drawn up by this Grand Lodge. The adoption of this code by the Lodges would not, of course, be compulsory; but the recommendation of the Grand Lodge would have the effect of securing its adoption very generally, especially by those that may hereafter be organized.

Many of the older Lodges, and a number of Lodges, organized during the last two years, have not submitted their By-laws for revision, though expressly ordered so to do by the Constitution, Art. 8, Clause 2. Among them are: St. Clair, 105; Laurel, 110; Peterboro', 111; Trenton, 113; Gananoque, 114; Naomi, 116; Sydenham Valley, 120; Saxon, 121; Palmerston, 123; Stella, 125; Mizpah, 127; Oakville, 132; Cobourg, 136; Ancaster, 138; Garnet, 139; Leamington, 140; Capital, 141; Concord, 142; Bay of Quinte, 143; Ridgetown, 144; Riverside, 145; Vivian, 146; Model, 147.

In conclusion, your Committee submit the following resolutions:

Resolved,—That the By-laws of the Lodges above reported on be approved subject to the corrections made by the Committee.

Resolved,—That the attention of the Lodges that have not submitted their By-laws be especially called to their violation of the Constitution.

Resolved,—That all Lodges be instructed to forward their By-laws to the Grand Secretary immediately after adoption, as required by Art 8, Clause 2, of their Constitution, instead of waiting, as many of them now do, till the Session of Grand Lodge

Resolved,—That the Grand Master be authorized to convene the Committee on Laws twice during the recess of the Grand Lodge, should he deem it advisable for the purpose of revising such By-laws as may be submitted.

Resolved,—That the recommendations of the Committee at its interim sessions, on being confirmed by the Grand Master, shall be binding upon the Subordinates, until the session of the Grand Lodge following, when the Committee shall make its report.

Resolved,—That a Committee be appointed to prepare a model code of By-laws for Subordinates, to report at next session of Grand Lodge.

Your Committee desire to express their obligations to their worthy chairman, Bro. Cl. T. Campbell, for the great assistance rendered them by his having gone over a portion of the work of said Committee previous to the assembling of this R. W. Grand Lodge, and their deep regret that owing to sickness in his family he has been prevented from meeting with your Committee.

Your Committee find that some of the Lodges in this Jurisdiction still continue to pay a larger amount of benefits than is authorized by the Constitution. for Subordinates, Art. 5, Clauses 6 and 8* Your Committee are of opinion that Art. 5, Clauses 6 and 8, are not in accordance with the oft-repeated decisions of the R. W. G. L. U. S. (See Digest G. L. U. S., page 27, sec. 106; page 38, sec. 159 a; page 89, sec. 164; page 123, sec 574; page 223, sec 1074.) And your Committee would recommend that Clauses 6 and 8, Art. 5, Laws for Subordinates, be amended so as to agree with the above mentioned decisions.

We therefore submit the following resolution:

Resolved,—That the above Report and accompanying Resolutions be adopted

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. S. CAMPBELL,
WM. A. RAWLINGS,
ROBT. KIRKPATRICK.

NOTES TO THE ABOVE REPORT.

* Lodges that have their Constitution incorrect, are referred to Journal of the Grand Lodge of Ontario for 1873, (see alterations in the constitution as adopted in 1873.

a. Cannot restrict membership to persons not over a certain age.—Journal G. L. U. S., pp. 5461, 5524, 5549.

b. Votes in blank must be counted—Digest, sec. 1914.

c. N. G. has no power to fill vacancies, except in offices originally filled by his appointment—Journal Ontario, pp. 634-647.

d. Some weekly benefits must be paid—Digest, sec. 154, Journal Ontario, pp. 634-647. (*Reports of Committee on Laws of Subordinates.*)

e. A member under charges retains all his rights—Digest, sec. 1823, 1832.

f. Suspended members cannot be restored before the term of suspension has expired, unless by action of the Grand Lodge - Digest, 1677.

g. Authority is only given to the N. G. to call special meetings—Constitution Subordinates, Art 4, Clause 2.

h. Constitution Subordinates, Art. 5, Clauses 6-10, The amounts specified by the Committee are the highest that can be given, unless the dues be increased. Lodges may give as benefits a less amount if they wish.

i. Qualifications for elective officers are defined in Constitution of Subordinates, Art. 3. If a candidate possesses these, he is eligible for office.

j. Constitution Subordinates, Art. 5, Clauses 7-8, defines who shall receive funeral benefits. Others can only receive as a special grant.

k. By-laws must be forwarded in duplicate, signed by the N. G. and Secretary, and sealed—Article 8, Clause 2.

l. Constitution Grand Lodge, Art. 9.

m. All fines collected go to W. & O. Fund—Constitution Subordinates, Art. 5, Clause 5.

On motion to adopt the Report, Rep. J. B. McIntyre, seconded by Rep. D. McConachie, moved the following, which was adopted:

Resolved,—That the Report of the Committee on Laws of Subordinates be amended by striking out such portions of Report as are in conflict with legislation had this morning.

The question now being to adopt the Report as so amended, it was agreed to.

Rep. H. Blain, seconded by Rep. W. G. Mutton, moved the following, which was concurred in:

Resolved,—That the amendments to the Constitution, notice of which was given at yesterday's session, page 1214, Journal, be now considered.

The amendments were accordingly considered and severally adopted.

(For the amended Clauses, as they now read, see Constitution i Appendix, clauses adopted in 1874.)

The following, moved by Rep. Cox, seconded by Rep. Allen, was adopted:

Resolved,—That a vote of thanks be presented to the Brothers of Kingston Lodge, for the efforts they have put forth for the entertainment of this Grand Lodge during its present Session.

The following, moved by J. Woodyatt, P. G. M., seconded by W. N. Ford, P. G. M., was resolved in the affirmative:

Resolved,—That the R. W Grand Secretary be hereby instructed to receive Tenders for the printing of 1,000 copies of the Journal of this Session, and also for the printing of such supplies as may be required for the use of the Subordinate Lodges during the year.

The following, moved by Rep. D. M. Telford, seconded by Rep. Wm. A. Rawlings, was resolved in the affirmative:

Resolved,—That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to the different Railway Companies and Canadian Navagation Company, for their courtesy in extending the special rates granted to it on this occasion.

The following, moved by Rep. H. Richards, seconded by Rep. M. Weston, was adopted:

Resolved,—That a vote of thanks be presented by this R. W. Grand Lodge to the Mayor and Corporation of the City of Kingston, for the use of the City Hall on the present occasion.

The following, moved by Rep. J. T. Hornibrook, seconded by Rep. J. B. Meacham, was adopted:

Resolved,—That the Reps. to the Grand Lodge of United States be instructed to try, if possible, to have that R. W. Grand Body, at its next annual Session, take some steps to form an amalgamation between the Canadian Order of Odd Fellows, and the Independent Order.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to the installation of officers, as follows:

William Fitzsimmons, M. W. Grand Master elect, was presented by Past Grand Masters S. G. Dolson and H. McAfee, and duly obligated and conducted to the chair, and proceeded with the installation, as under:

H. E. Buttery,.....	R. W.	Deputy Grand	Master.
J. T. Hornibrook,.....	"	"	Warden.
J. B. King,.....	"	"	Secretary.
George Irwin,.....	"	"	Treasurer.

The Grand Master made the following appointments, which were confirmed by the Grand Lodge, viz:

George Wales, of Union Lodge, No. 16..... .....Grand Marshall.
F. W. Johnston, of Huron Lodge, No. 62..... " Conductor.
Joseph Craig, of St. Marys Lodge, No. 36..... " Guardian.
W. Bissell, P. G. M., Forest City Lodge, No. 38.. ... " Chaplain.

The following, moved by Rep. W. S. Campbell, seconded by Rep. H. Walker, was resolved in the affirmative:

Resolved,—That the Grand Secretary be instructed to forward to the Warden of the Penitentiary, and Dr. Dixon of the Asylum, the thanks of this Grand Lodge for the courtesies extended to the officers and members of this Grand Lodge at their respective institutions.

The M. W. Grand Master, with the concurrence of the Grand Lodge, appointed the following District Deputy Grand Masters:

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

NAME.	DISTRICT.	P. O. ADDRESS.
Wm. Mowatt	1	Prescott.
D. F. Fowler	2	Kingston.
G. A. Simpson	3	Belleville.
J. A. Montgomery	4 and 5	Port Hope.
R. Warriner	6	Port Perry.
Wm. Geo. Mutton	7	Toronto.
Jas. Henry	8	Collingwood.
J. D. Matheson	9	Milton.
Chas. B. Stevens	10 and 11	Walkerton.
F. F. Lawrence	12	Goderich.
John Craig	13	Fergus.
Jno. Lawrence	14	Paris.
Robert Evans	15	Hamilton.
W. B. Gilleland	16	St. Catharines.
L. Ferguson	17	St. Thomas.
F. G. Lewis	18	Ingersoll.
D. M. Telford	19	Strathroy.
W. N. Ford, P. G. M.	20	St. Marys.
H. McAfee, P. G. M.	21	Windsor.
John Turner	22	Chatham.
J. F. O'Neil	23	Sarnia.
Cl. T. Campbell	24	Stratford.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned at 5.30 p. m., the third day of the Session.

S. B. King.
Grand Secy.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES REPORT.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario I. O. O. F.

Your Representatives to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States submit the following synopsis of the proceedings of that R. W. Grand Body at its session of 1874, held at Atlanta, Ga., on the 21st to the 26th days of September.

In the absence of the M. W. Grand Sire the R. W. Deputy Grand Sire presided.

The Reports of the several Grand Officers show a continued increase in membership and great prosperity in the Order generally. The following from the Grand Secretary's Report contrasts the returns for the past two years.

	1872.	1873.
Grand Lodges	41	46
Subordinate Lodges	5,045	5,486
Rebekah Degree Lodges	158	512
Grand Encampments	36	36
Subordinate Encampments	1,393	1,512
Lodge Initiations	59,250	57,454
" Members	385,048	414,815
Encampment Members	73,963	80,131
Relief of Lodges	$1,342,890 08	$1,335,937 33
" Encampments	160,649 94	150,787 06
" Rebekah Lodges	516 70	3,550 33
Aggregate Relief	1,504,055 72	1,490,274 72
Revenue of Lodges	3,828,309 95	3,939,793 62
" Encampments	462,891 17	478,469 06
" Rebekah Lodges	6,640 12	15,738 40
Total Revenue	4,297,841 24	4,434,001 08

	Increase	Decrease
Grand Lodges	5	
Subordinate Lodges	441	
Rebekah Degree Lodges	354	
Grand Encampments		
Subordinate Encampments	119	
Lodge Initiations		1,796
" Members	29.767	
Encampment Members	6,168	
Relief by Lodges		$6,952 75
" Encampments		9,862 88
" Rebekah Lodges	$ 3,033 68	
Aggregate Relief		13,782 00
Revenue of Lodges	111,483 67	
" Encampments	15,577 89	
" Rebekah Lodges	9,098 28	
Total Revenue	136,159 84	

The Grand Secretary says:

Apparently we have again cause to congratulate ourselves upon the prosperous aspect disclosed by the figures presented in the above table. Our numbers are rapidly gravitating toward half a million in alliance, and our aggregate annual revenue in gross, approximates five millions of dollars. These are grand figures, but do they represent a solid and healthful condition? This is an important inquiry. We have no means from our present system of ascertaining the amount of our net gain per annum in the general revenue, hence, until some

plan is adopted to obtain light on this subject we shall ever be in a sea of doubt touching the pecuniary solidity of the Order. We should know, with equal certainty, the disbursements of the Subordinates as their receipts, in fact, the knowledge of the latter, in the absence of the former, is comparatively valueless. It would appear that such information is an indispensible element of knowledge in reaching just conclusions as to the solvency and proper prosperity of the Subordinates. True it is, that as a general principle, our laws refer to these bodies' exclusive control over their finances 'within their legitimate application ; but the Grand Lodge may, which nobody doubts, inquire into and collect data, with a view to legislation on the subject of the proper relation between dues and benefits ; it may, with equal propriety, make like enquiries upon cognate subjects in contemplation of the general welfare. It is not at all improbable, that out of the four and a half millions of gross annual aggregate revenue reported, fifty per cent. of the amount is consumed in disbursements other than relief. If thirty three per cent. be added to this for relief, as returned. viz : $1,490,274 72, there remains but seventeen per cent., or $726,-725 82, as actual gain to the aggregate capital of the Order. This would present a comparatively unstable system, looking to the inevitable increased responsibilities of the Subordinates, as their membership advance in years. This suggestion is made with diffidence. Ought not our statistical returns to be enlarged so as to supply light in this direction.

The following are the decisions of the Deputy Grand Sire during the recess, with the action of the Grand Lodge upon the same :

Second, Can the Officers of a Degree Lodge, after conferring the Scarlet Degree upon brothers, then confer the Degree of Rebekah upon them and others who have taken the Scarlet Degree ? *Answer.* No.

Third. Can a brother who holds an unexpired Withdrawal Card from his Lodge be a competent petitioner for an Encampment ? *Answer.* No.

Fourth. Is it admissable for Odd Fellows to appear in regalia at the funeral of a Daughter of Rebekah, the friends of the deceased requesting the same ? *Answer.* No.

Fifth. Is it competent for a Lodge or committee thereof, on the trial of a brother under charges, to refuse admission to or exclude from the room during such trial any member of the Lodge who is in good standing, except as is provided in the proceedings of the G. L. of U.S., Journal 1872, at page 5563 ? *Answer.* In the negative.

Sixth. I have decided upon inquiry, that the report of the Committee on Constitutions of the last session, found on pages 5836-7 and 6848-9, so far as the second, fourth and ninth paragraphs of the first report relate thereto, and paragraphs ten and eleven of report number three, applies to all Subordinate Lodges, whether under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge or not.

The first, second, third and fifth decisions were approved.

The fourth decisions was modified so as to read, "Odd Fellows may appear in regalia at the funeral of a Daughter of Rebekah, in case they first obtain permission to do so from the proper Grand Officers of the jurisdiction." See § 1622, Digest G. L. of U. S.

The sixth decision, in so far as it holds that the decisions of 1873, therein referred to, in respect to the Vice-Grand examining the ballot and announcing the result, apply to all Subordinate Lodges, whether

under the immediate jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge or not was disapproved ; and the true rule in this case is, that a Subordinate Grand Body may allow its Subordinates to enact By-laws providing for the examination by the Vice-Grand, or other officer, of the ballot, and for his making known the result of his examination to the Lodge, it being the business of the Noble Grand alone of deciding the question of the election or rejection of the candidate.

"A Past Grand who has been appointed by a D. D. G. M. to instal the officers of the Lodge, is not entitled to the honors of the Order when he appears for that purpose." This answer the Judiciary Committee confirmed as a correct exposition of the law on the subject, and adopted by the Grand Lodge.

The following questions were also propounded to the Deputy Grand Sire :

When a member is in arrears to an amount that, under the laws of his Lodge or Encampment, disqualifies him from receiving benefits in case of his sickness, is he entitled to admission to his Lodge or Encampment and to the S. A. P. W.

2. Is a member not entitled to the S. A. P. W. to be permitted in his Lodge or Encampment ? Is not every member who, by the laws, is permitted to be in his Lodge or Encampment entitled to vote and participate in any business that may come before the Lodge or Encampment ?

They were answered as follows :

1. A member is entitled to admission in his Lodge, and to the S. A. P. W. until he is dropped, suspended or expelled.

2. A member is entitled to be in his Lodge room, and to vote, until he is dropped, suspended or expelled.

The Judiciary Committee decided, and the Grand Lodge concurred that these two answers require qualification, so as to conform to § 1538 Digest, which provides that,

"Whether a member of a Subordinate Lodge must have his account settled up to the last day of the Past term to entitle him to receive the P. W. of the current term, and whether a brother thus in arrears has a right to sit in his own Lodge without the P. W., prior to suspension, are questions to be determined by the proper authorities, and according to the laws of the State jurisdictions in which they arise and not by this Grand Lodge."

NEW LEGISLATION.

The following was adopted, amending the law of 1864, p. 3709, § 1047, Digest :

Resolved, That all spirituous, vinous, and malt liquors shall be excluded from the Lodge-rooms and ante-rooms or halls connected with or adjoining thereto, when under the control of any Subordinate or Degree Lodge or Encampment of this Order.

Resolved, That every provision in conflict with the foregoing resolution, as well as all regulations respecting the use of edibles in Lodge or Encampment rooms, heretofore passed, be and the same are hereby repealed.

§1919*a* of Digest was amended to make it better understood, without changing its meaning, and now reads :

Every brother present in a Lodge or Encampment, if qualified to vote, is obliged to vote on all questions, unless excused by the Lodge or

Encampment ; and no partiu lar number of votes is necessary so long as a quorum is present.

Resolved, That Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah are authorized to grant, by ballot vote of a majority of the members present at a regular meeting Withdrawal Cards to members who may apply in person or by letter for such cards.

Resolved, That Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah are authorized to admit to membership by deposit of card, by such vote as is required for ordinary admission, the holders of Regular Withdrawal Cards granted as above provided.

Resolved, That the Grand Lodges of the several jurisdictions subordinate to this R. W. Grand Lodge, be and they are hereby authorized to cause to be conferred the honorary degree of Past Secretary on any Past Grand in good standing who has served a lawful term as Vice Grand and Noble Grand in a Subordinate Lodge.

Resolved,—That this Grand Lodge commend the great work of the General Relief Associations, instituted by members of this Order, to the fostering care of the several State Grand Jurisdictions, and hereby recommends such action as may induce each jurisdiction to make ample provision for compensating other jurisdictions for expenses paid and costs incurred in the relief of brothers in distress, who claim the same under a Visiting Card, as brothers in good standing.

Resolved,—That a member of the Order in good standing, evidenced by holding an unexpired Visiting Card, issued in conformity with laws of the Order by his Lodge or Encampment, and having the A. T. W. P., being in distress, or pretending so to be, and needing money, and who having asked for and received from a Lodge or Encampment, or a member thereof, a sum of money under the assurance and promise that he will return or repay the same within a given time, or so soon as he returns home, but who shall neglect so to do after a reasonable time thereafter, without a satisfactory excuse being rendered, shall be deemed guilty of conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow ; and due notice of such facts having been officially communicated to his Lodge by the Lodge or Encampment so loaning him the money, it shall be the duty of his Lodge to notify him of such indebtedness or loan, and to demand payment thereof, and if he then refuse or neglect to pay the same, his Lodges shall prefer charges against him, try him, and if found guilty, and without sufficiently mitigating circumstances, to expel him from the Order. If there be such mitigating circumstances, then to impose such penalty as the Lodge may deem best.

Resolved,—That the respective State Grand Lodges cause the foregoing resolution to be embodied in their proceedings, and the attention of the Subordinate Lodges and Encampments especially called to it.

The special committee on dues and benefits report that during the past year they have had ample evidence of the great interest felt by the Subordinate Lodges in their financial standing ; yet the data furnished has not reached that degree of completeness essential to a final and satisfactory report. Twenty-four jurisdictions make ample returns as to the number of weeks sickness paid ; and others have supplied information of more or less value. But the statistics, so far as they have been gathered, are merely approximations of the actual facts. This is clearly shown by a careful examination of the semi-annual reports in relation to management expenses. By deducting the amount ex-

pended for relief from the total expenditures, the amount paid for working expenses ought to appear. Yet many Secretaries, notwithstanding they are requested on the blank report not to do so, persist in adding the amount of money invested during the term to the expenditures; thus swelling the latter out of all due proportion, and creating erroneous impressions as to the cost of maintaining a Lodge. An examination of five reports will show this conclusively. They report $5,408.00 expended for relief, and the total amount paid out as $9,985.90. A statistican examining those reports would conclude that the cost of running each of the Lodges was $1,791.56 per annum. A false conclusion, as inquiries have shown that in each instance the investment of funds have been charged as an expense. Attention is called to this subject, in the hope that Secretaries and auditing committees will exercise more care and judgment in their reports, so that greater accuracy may be eventually reached.

As the committee is continued, with instructions to further report at the next session, they therefore desire to urge upon Grand Lodges a steady compliance with the recommendations made in their report of 1873; and by so doing, in a few years we will have sufficient and reliable data upon which to base practical action for the guidance of of Lodges when considering how much dues should be paid into their treasuries in order to enable them to pay a certain amount of benefits and thus give each and every Lodge the ability to fulfil its engagements to its members.

Cases have occurred in which a person had entered the Order under an assumed name, and desired to resume his proper name; but on two occasions the G. L. U. S. decided that neither his Lodge nor his Grand Lodge could give him relief by allowing him a card by his real name, or by using it on their records. This harsh and hardly reasonable restriction is removed by the declaration that the subject is a proper one for local legislation.

A new form of funeral ceremony and also a form for anniversary celebrations was adopted, the full text of which will be found in the revised journal of the G. L. U. S.

In preparing the Digest of Ontario the Committee inadvertently included certain forms, the copyright of which is vested in the Grand Lodge of the United States and the following was adopted in reference thereto:

Resolved.—That all Grand and Subordinate Bodies, and individual members thereof, of this Order, are hereby directed to refrain from printing, publishing, and issuing any article entered upon the list of supplies that form a part of the source of revenue of this Grand Lodge.

Resolved,—That the Grand Lodge of Ontario, or its agents, discontinue the sale and issue of any Digest or Book of Forms containing the established forms of this Grand Lodge.

The following reports of the Committee on appeals were adopted. They are given in full because each of them contains points of considerable import to the whole Order.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

On the appeal of Lincoln Lodge No. 44, of the State of Indiana, against Seymour Lodge No. 204, of the same State, report that the facts of the case are as follows:

Be it resolved by Seymour Lodge No. 204, *I. O. O. F.*, "1st. That we believe it would be for the good of the Order in Seymour, that another Lodge of Odd Fellows be instituted in this city.

"2nd. That in case a part of the members of Seymour Lodge desire to start another Lodge in Seymour, that this Lodge shall divide its General and Orphan Funds with said new Lodge, equally in proportion to the members that go into the new Lodge, as compared with that remain in this Lodge in good standing.

3. That should a Lodge be instituted as provided in the foregoing resolutions that the two Lodges, should they so desire, shall occupy the same Hall and hold the lease and fixtures in common, and each according to their membership bear their proportion of the expense, and receive their proportion of the income of the same.

"4. That these resolutions, when adopted by the Lodge, shall be spread on the minutes of the Lodge, and shall be binding on the same, and shall not be changed or modified, except by a written resolution offered and read in open Lodge, at least one week before final action is had on the same; and no change shall be made to the detriment or disadvantage of the new Lodge after cards have been drawn and steps taken to institute the same."

Acting on the good faith of said Seymour Lodge in passing said resolutions, forty-four members of said Lodge, on the 13th of May, 1873, withdrew therefrom and organized said Lincoln Lodge. Afterwards, to wit: on the 10th of June, 1773, said Lincoln Lodge, by a Committee, made a demand on Seymour Lodge for a division of the property thereof, as provided for by said resolutions. which demand said Seymour Lodge refused to comply with. Lincoln Lodge appealed to the Grand Lodge of Indiana, asking that Seymour Lodge should be compelled to comply with the resolutions, and divide the property accordingly. The said Grand Lodge sustained the appeal, and ordered Seymour Lodge to comply. From which action of the Grand Lodge this appeal is taken by Seymour Lodge.

By a resolution of the G. L. U. S., passed in 1868, (*White's Digest*, 1062) it is provided that donations made to assist petitioning brothers * * by the parent body * * * for the purpose of instituting new Lodges * * are allowable, and in no sense to be regarded as a division of the funds of the Lodge. In consonance with the said resolution of the G. L. U. S., it is provided by the general laws of the jurisdiction of Indiana, Chapter 7, Section 1—that the funds, property, etc., of Subordinate Lodges are not * * * to be divided * * * among the members individually, or between one Lodge and another, *except* to those who may withdraw therefrom for the purpose of organizing a new Lodge. * * *

Your Committee therefore find that said Seymour Lodge, in 1871, at the time of the passage of said resolutions, had a right to pass the same. It will be seen by reference to pp. 5776 and 5785, journal proceedings of the G L. U. S. that at the present time the members withdrawing from the parent Lodge would not have the right to vote on the proposition of dividing the funds, but that was not the law in 1871. The resolutions aforesaid having been lawfully passed and the withdrawing members having acted thereon in good faith, it was clearly the duty of the said Seymour Lodge to have complied with the same in letter and spirit, and your Committee recommend the passage of the following:

Resolved, That the appeal of Seymour Lodge be dismissed.

NATHAN PORTER,	AMOS JONES,
CHAS. N. HICKOK,	JAS. WOODYATT,
N. P. RICHMOND,	AARON B. CRANE,
H. LINDENBURG,	J. S TICKNOR.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

In the appeal brought by J. S. McMahon against Excelsior Lodge, No. 44, of Ontario, the Committee report. The facts of the case are as follows:

1st. Bro. John Pryke, of said Excelsior Lodge, in April, 1872, applied for a withdrawal card. A ballot was taken, and the N. G. declared that the card was not granted. With this result the applicant was satisfied. He did not question the vote or the decision of the N. G. He did not receive a card, nor was one ever tendered to him, and he was content to remain a member in the Lodge, which he

did from choice.

2nd. Some weeks after the vote was taken, in a casual conversation, the N. G. remarked that he had made a mistake in declaring the vote, as there were a majority of white balls in the ballot.

3rd. About eighteen months after said vote was had, during all of which time Bro. Pryke remained a respected and faithful member of said Lodge, the Grand Master of Ontario, declared in effect that by said vote a withdrawal card was granted to Bro. Pryke, and that he thereby ceased to be a member of said Lodge, by reason of which decision he has ever since been refused admittance to the Lodge and the privileges of membership—in short is suspended.

The above are all the facts properly belonging to the case, and which it is necessary for the Grand Lodge to consider; but as belonging to the incidents of the case your Committee further report, that at the next meeting of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, which convened between the time of the ballot and that of making said decision by the Grand Master, certain abstract questions were asked bearing on the case, though the fact was not made known, and the Committee of said Grand Lodge, to which they were referred, was ignorant thereof, These questions were, as abstract questions, answered correctly by said Committee, and approved by said Grand Lodge, and were as follows:

1st. A brother applies for a withdrawal card; four black balls are cast against the granting of the same—there being seventeen balls in all cast; the N. G,, in error, declared the card refused. No objection being taken to the said decision at the time; but some weeks afterward a brother objects to the decision of the N. G., and claims that the card was granted.

QUESTION.—Is the decision of the N. G binding?

ANSWER.—No. The vote of the Lodge granted the card, Section 243 Digest.

2nd. Referring to the above, what action, if any, should the Lodge take in the matter?

ANSWER.—It should give the brother the card.

It appears that the said Grand Master assumed that the said questions and answers applied to this case, and that by the adoption thereof by the Grand Lodge, it became his duty to decide that a card was granted to Bro. Pryke, and that thereby Bro. Pryke ceased, in fact, to be a member of said Excelsior Lodge. In this your Committee believe that said Grand Master erred. In the first place, said questions and answers covered more than appears in the case, and yet did not embrace all the elements thereof, and should not have been made the basis of said decision. For instance, the facts of the case, as described by the record, do not show the number of ballots cast, or that four black balls were adversely cast, yet the first question assumes this. Nor is it stated, in putting the interrogations, that the applicant for the card was content with the result, and no longer desired his card. Had the questions contained these elements, the answers thereto would, no doubt, have been different, and the Grand Master could not have reached his conclusions. And this Committee finally declare that brother Pryke did not lose his membership in Excelsior Lodge. The decision of the N. G. was *prima facia* conclusive that the card was not granted, and that decision has never been lawfully questioned or reversed.

Had Brother Pyke ascertained that the ballot entitled him to a card, he might have demanded and obtained it. It was *his right*, but being content with the ruling and the result, the Grand Master had no authority, and especially againt the desire of the Lodge, to declare that he was no longer a member, and thus effect his suspension.

Your Committee therefore reccomend the passage of the following:

Resolved, That Brother Jno. Pryke was a member of Excelsior Lodge, No, 44, of Ontario, at the time of the decision of the Grand Master; that his appeal be sustained, and that said Excelsior Lodge is hereby instructed to forthwith readmit him to the privileges of membership in said Lodge.

Rep. Hickok, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee on Appeals, made the following Report, which was laid on the table under the rule;

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

In the matter of the appeal of Isaac Elsasser, D. D. G. M., from the decesion of the Grand Lodge of Texas, your Committee offer the following report, viz:

It appears that Brother William Cooper, of Bayou City Lodge, No. 121, was elected to serve the unexpired term of the Vice Grand, was duly installed, and served in the same to the end of the term, a period of three weeks. Brother Cooper was not elected Noble Grand for the next succeeding term, but the Noble Grand elected, served until nearly the close of the term when he resigned.

Bro. Cooper was then elected Noble Grand to serve the remainder of the term. Bro. Elsasser, D. D. G. M., "refused to install" Bro. Cooper on the ground that he "was not eligible for advancement as Noble Grand, as he served only three nights as Vice Grand, and, in accordance with our laws, it requires a majority of the nights of the term to entitle one to receive the Past Official Degrees."

From this decision Bro. Cooper appealed to the M. W. Grand Master of Texas, N. B. Highsmith, who reversed the decision of the D. D. G. M., and Bro. Cooper was installed. The Grand Lodge of Texas sustained its Grand Master, and from this action Bro. Elsasser appealed to the Grand Lodge of the United States.

It is true that the general law requires service of a majority of the nights of a term to entitle a Brother to the honors of the office, but there is an exception set forth in Article 1391, Digest G. L. U. S., giving said honors to the Brother who may be elected to fill an unexpired term.

Bro. Cooper was, therefore, as fully entitled to honors and Past Official Degrees as Vice Grand, and eligible for election and installation as Noble Grand as if he had served a majority of nights in other circumstances.

Your Committee offer the following, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject:

Resolved,—That the appeal of Isaac Elsasser *vs.* the Grand Lodge of Texas be dismissed, and the action of the said Grand Lodge affirmed.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of Benjamin Fletcher, Jr., P. G. R., of New Hampshire, from the decision of the Grand Lodge of that jurisdiction, beg leave to respectfully report:

The Grand Master's decision was made on the following question: "Can a Lodge compel the Noble Grand to give the number of black balls cast in case the applicant is rejected?" He decided that they cannot; an appeal was taken from this decision to the Grand Lodge, and that body refused to sustain the appeal.

Your Committee believe that the decision of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire was correct, and therefore offer the following resolution and recommend its adoption.

Resolved,—That the appeal of Benj. Fletcher, Jr., be dismissed.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Past Grand L. F. Delesdernier appeals from the decision of the Grand Lodge of Texas, declaring the legality of Article No. 32 of the general laws for Subordinate Lodges of that jurisdiction. This Article after providing for the mode of petition, appointment of the Committee of Investigation, etc., in the case of applications for membership in Subordinate Lodges continues:

"Should the report of the Committee be favorable, the Lodge shall proceed to ballot for the candidate, and if, after balloting, the balls should all be white in the ballot-box, the applicant shall be declared duly elected: but should there be one black ball, the balloting shall be renewed, and if on the second ballot one black ball still appears, the election shall lie over until the next regular meeting, when a ballot shall be entered into. (In the interim of the first and second night's balloting, it shall be the duty of the brother who cast the black ball to state to the Noble Grand his reasons for his vote, which shall be made known to the Lodge by the Noble Grand, without giving the name of the brother, previous to the second balloting.) And on the second night's balloting, if not more than one black ball appears, the applicant shall be considered duly elected; but should there be two or more black balls, either on the first, second or third ballot, the applicant shall be considered rejected, and notice thereof shall be sent to the Grand Secretary. Nevertheless, such person may again be proposed at the expiration of six months from such ballot, and, if elected, shall be received

into the Order. In case the brother casting the black ball does not give his reasons to the Noble Grand by or before the next Lodge night, then the Noble Grand shall so announce to the Lodge,and the applicant shall be declared elected without a further ballot."

Your Committee is of opinion that this law is a clear violation of the well established principle, that "a Grand Lodge has no right (to permit its Subornates) to grant more than *one ballot* and *one reconsideration* of the same to a candidate for membership in a subordinate," (see Digest, section 139) and would recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved,- That the appeal of Past Grand L. F. Delesdernier be sustained.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

Your Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of A. D. Jones, P. G. M., from the action of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Nebraska, most respectfully report that they have considered the same and find the facts to be as follows :

Section 2 of Article 13, of the Constitution of Subordinates, requires that application for Cards shall be made personally, or in writing. In accordance with this law, at a meeting of State Lodge No. 10, Omaha, held April 21st, 1873, Bro. H. Webber, a member of said Lodge, made application personally for a Withdrawal Card. Before the ballot was had, a motion to adjourn was adopted, and the Lodge proceeded to close. At the next meeting of the Lodge, April 28th, the N. Grand stated that no application for a Withdrawal Card was before the Lodge, from which an appeal was taken, and the appeal sustained by the Lodge. From the Lodge an appeal was taken to the D. D. G. M., and then to the Grand Master, who sustained the Lodge. The R. W. Grand Lodge of Nebraska at its session, May 19, 1873, reversed the decision of the Grand Master, from which action A. D. Jones, P. G. M., appeals to this R. W. Grand Lodge.

In the opinion of the Committee the action of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Nebraska was correct, as an application being once made in accordance with the law it is not necessary to renew it. We therefore offer the following:

Resolved, That the appeal of Alfred D. Jones, P. G. M., from the action of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska be dismissed.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of Joseph S. Brewster, P. G. M., and ten other members of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, from the decision of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, in the case of Charles Wallace vs. Lehicton Lodge No. 244, would respectfully report: That it appears from the record before us, that this case is on all fours with the case of Hermitage Lodge No. 165, vs. the Grand Lodge of New York, decided in 1869. Journal p. 4591, 4614. White's Digest, Section 102. In this case as in that the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, reviewed upon an appeal, a question of fact after it had been passed upon by the proper tribunal under the local law, in direct contravention to its own By-laws, which say "such appeal must be confined to matters of law, or of irregularity or unfairness in the proceedings of the Appeal Committee." The Grand Lodge of Pa., in the case of Wilson vs. Friendship Lodge No. 23, decided that such a review could not be had. Journal Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, semi-annual session 1862, p. 364, 365 ; and what is still more curious, is the fact, that in this same case, said Grand Lodge made the same ruling, (see same Journal p. 372.) If then this Grand Lodge was right in 1869, and the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania was right in the Wilson case of 1872, the decision here appealed from must be reversed. We might rest this case here, but as there is another point in the appeal of some importance to the brotherhood, we confidently ask to be pardoned for referring to it, and that is, that the punishment imposed was excessive. In this case the charge was, by the law of the land, (if committed) a misdemeanor. We do not desire to palliate the offence but simply call it what the law calls it ; and we cannot but express the view that the punishment imposed by the Lodge was excessive, and the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania should have reversed the decision of the Lodge on that ground alone, even if the other ground had been untenable. *Ten years' suspension* is practically an expulsion : the former may be imposed by a mere majority, according to the Penn

sylvania law, whilst the latter penalty requires a two-thirds vote. This Lodge ought to declare that under the name of suspension, by a mere majority vote, that a Lodge shall not practically expel a member for an alleged offence.

We therefore offer the following:

Resolved,—That the appeal of Joseph S. Brewster, P. G. M., and others from the decision of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylasnia, be sustained, and said decision be reversed, and that said Grand Lodge be instructed to direct Lehicton Lodge No 224 to reinstate Bro. Charles Wallace to his former rank and standing in said Lodge.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of Hugh Latham, P. G. M., in relation to the difficulty existing between Bro. Newman Cross and Potomac Lodge No 38, of the jurisdiction of Virginia, respectfully report, that the said Cross was on the sick list and receiving benefits from his Lodge, and without notice to him a Committee was appointed to inquire into the state of his health; the Committee made enquiry *ex parte*, and upon their report the Lodge ceased to pay him benefits. Afterwards on the 2nd of August, 1872, charges were preferred against said Cross for conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow on the following grounds: 1st. For receiving benefits when not sick, and when he was able to work to the following degree, "that a citizen saw him saw and split wood and carry it in his house," and another person saw him "mend his fence and clean up his yard." A Committee tried the case, who reported that the charges were not sustained, but volunteered to report to the Lodge that he was not then entitled to benefits under the law, (a most extraordinary conclusion) and the Lodge do not restore him to benefits, although he claimed to be sick, and so far as the record is concerned he was in the same condition as when he was receiving benefits, and had not been reported as well to, his Lodge except as reported by said Committee. There are four certificates from respectable physicians in the record, showing that Bro. Cross was an invalid, suffering from organic affection of the heart, which incapacitates him necessarily from the performance of manual labor, and thereby renders him incapable of supporting himself by his own exertions. One of the physicians had been Vice Grand and Noble Grand of Potomac Lodge, and during the entire time Bro. Cross received his benefits. Your Committee have come to the conclusion that said Cross was sick and entitled to his benefits when his Lodge ceased to pay them, wherefore they recommend that the appeal be sustained with the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the appeal of Hugh Latham, P. G. M. be sustained.

Resolved, That the Grand Master of Virginia be directed to order Potomac Lodge to re-open the case of Bro. Cross, and give him an opportunity to be heard.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The undersigned, the minority of your Committee on Appeals to which was referred the appeal of William D. Kennedy, against the action of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, differing in opinion from the majority of the committee, presents his views of the case.

The local law of Ontario enacts that "at an election of a candidate for membership, either by initiation or deposit of card, more than two black balls reject."

Bro. William D. Kennedy made application for admission to The Toronto Lodge by deposit of Card; when the ballot was taken more than two black balls appeared. The Vice Grand, to whom, as well as to the Noble Grand, the ballot box had been taken for examination, declared the candidate rejected; the Noble Grand declared the candidate elected. An appeal was taken from the ruling of the Noble Grand to the Lodge. A majority vote sustained the Noble Grand, and the candidate was introduced as a member. He did not, however, sign the constitution of the Lodge, which is required by the local law. An appeal was taken to the Grand Master, who decided that Bro Kennedy was not a member of "The Toronto Lodge," and directed said Lodge to hand him back his card and fees, and notify the Lodges in the jurisdiction of his rejection. The Lodge complied with the directions of the Grand Master. An appeal was taken from the action of the Grand Master to the Grand Lodge of Ontario, which sustained the Grand Master, and it is from the action of said Grand Lodge that this appeal is made.

The Grand Lodge of the United States has decided that when a person has been initiated into the Order—whether his election was legal or not— he must be held to be a member, and that the only mode of dealing with him must be by charges, trial, expulsion, etc.,. The reason for such legislation is obvious; the initiate has acquired knowledge and assumed obligations that it would be exceedingly unwise to meddle with by declaring his membership void. He could not be deprived of the knowledge and he should not be released from the obligation But in the case of an applicant for membership by deposit of card the position is entirely different. In such a case as the one here under notice the party acquired no knowledge, assumed no new obligation; he did not even take upon him the responsibility that would follow the signing of the Constitution. It therefore, seems eminently proper that a law should prevail differing from the law quoted as much as the cases differ, so that improper conduct may be promptly dealt with, and that which is wrong may at once be put right, and that a minority of the members of a Lodge may be efficiently protected.

I respectfully submit the following.

Resolved,—That the appeal be dismissed, and that the action of the Grand Lodge of Ontario be sustained.

It will be seen from the above that the two appeal cases from Ontario, have been decided, the one so long pending, Zimmerman vs. the Grand Lodge, in favor of the Grand Lodge, and the more recent one of McMahon vs. the Grand Lodge, against that body.

The following proposed amendments to the Constitution were submitted:

Article 4, Sec. 3.—In case of death, resignation, or removal from office of the M. W. Grand Sire, or in case he should absent himself for six months or upwards beyond the limits of the United States and the British North American possessions, or in case of his inability from physical causes to discharge the duties of his office, the R. W. Deputy Grand Sire shall act in his place, and shall have and enjoy all the powers and privileges, and exercise the duties of said office until the next communication of this Grand Lodge. In case of the death, resignation, removal, absence or inability of both the M. W. Grand Sire and R. W. Deputy Grand Sire, all said duties and powers shall be exercised by the Junior Past Grand Sire competent to fill said office, and at the first communication thereafter, the Grand Lodge shall proceed to elect and install a M. W. Grand Sire for the unexpired term, and to fill any vacancy that may be occasioned thereby; provided, however, that a mere temporary or transient visit beyond said limits, not exceeding the aforesaid period of time, shall not be construed as to work a forfeiture of the office.

By Rep. Crogman of Massachusetts; seconded by J. S. Ticknor, of Illinois; J. H. White, of New York; Charles P. Blanchard, of New Hampshire; Charles H. Rich of Maine; R. R. Barnes, of Lower Provinces; A. Purves of Ontario; John W. McQuiddy of Indiana; George A Callahan of Maine; H. R. Dyer, of Vermont; George N. Nichols, of Georgia; C. N. Hickok, of Pennsylvania; John Hamlin of Nebraska; John F. Driscol of Rhode Island; I Harris, of New Jersey; G. Nungesser, of Louisana; W. C. Earl, of Ohio:

Amend Article 1, Section 1, by striking out the words Grand Lodge of the United States of the In dependent Order of, so that it shall read, as follows:

Article I. Sec. I.—This Lodge shall be known by the name style and title of the Supreme Lodge of American Odd Fellowship.

Amend Article 1. Section 1. by striking out the words "of the United States" so that it may read:

ARTICLE I. SEC. I.—This Lodge will be known by the name, style and title of the Supreme Grand Lodge of American Odd Fellowship.

J. C. Smith, of Illinois, Seconded by Representatives John W. McQuiddy, of Indiana; T. B. Needless, of Illinois; Samuel Ryan, Jr., of Wisconsin; Thos. C. Porter, of Massachusetts; James Woodyatt, of Ontario; B. J. F. Hanna, of Kansas.

Resolved, That Bro. J. L. Ridgely, the present Historiographer of this Grand Lodge, be earnestly requested to retain that position, and to write, as soon as his health permits, the history of the first decade of the Order in America; and that he be authorized to employ an assistant or assistants at an expense not exceeding $500 during the ensuing year.

OFFICERS INSTALLED.

The officers Elected and Installed for the ensuing two years are:

M. W. Grand Sire,—M. J. Durham, Past D. G. Sire, of Kentucky.

R. W. Deputy Grand Sire,—John W. Stokes, P. G. M., of Pennsylvania.

R. W. Grand Cor. and Rec. Secretary,—James L. Ridgely, P. G. M., of Maryland.

R. W. Grand Treasurer,—Joshua Vansant, P. G. M., of Maryland.

The Grand Secretary appointed Theodore A. Ross, Grand Representative, of New Jersey, as Assistant Grand Secretary; and the Grand Sire appointed the following subordinate Grand Officers, all of whom were duly installed:

R. W. Grand Chaplain,—Rev. J. W. Venable, of Kentucky.

R. W. Grand Marshal,—John R. Tompkins, of Alabama.

R. W. Grand Guardian,—Wm. H. Foulk, of Delaware.

R. W. Grand Messenger,—John W. Hudson, of Wisconsin.

The next annual session of the Grand Lodge is to be held in Indianapolis, Indiana, in September, 1875.

The following preamble and resolutions convey the sentiments of the members of the Grand Lodge in their appreciation of the courtesy and hospitality of the fraternity and citizens of the Sunny South:

WHEREAS, The reception that has been accorded to the Grand Lodge of the United States by the brotherhood, as well as by the citizens of Atlanta and of the State of Georgia, has been most cordial and generous, almost oppressive in its kindness, not only to the Grand Lodge as a body, but personally to its Representatives, and the members of their families accompanying them, and

WHEREAS, We cannot do justice to the pleasurable and grateful emotions which throng our hearts in contemplation of a greeting so kind and noble, without at least attempting to give them expression, therefore be it

Resolved,—That the associations connected with this annual session are ever to be remembered with peculiar pleasure, and that we tender to the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Georgia, and to the Lodges and brethren of Atlanta, the acknowledgment of this Body of

the distinguished respect evinced toward it,and our warmest thanks as individuals for their fraternal hospitality given to us in so princely a manner.

Resolved,—That to the Hon. Ex- Gov. Brown, His Honor S. B. Spencer, Mayor, and to the Hon. H. V. M. Miller, and to the authorities and citizens of the beautiful city of Atlanta, whom they represent, we offer expressions of our warm appreciation of their courteous attentions, assuring them that we shall bear with us to our homes and various State and Provincial Jurisdictions memories the most delightful of our sojourn in the "Empire State of the South," and of our intercourse with its warm-hearted, hospitable people; and last, but not least, would we mention with especial gratitude the kindness shown by the fair ladies of Atlanta to the ladies accompanying our various delegations.

Resolved,—That to the Sir Knights of Cœur-de-Lion Commandery of Knights Templars,of Atlanta,we tender the assurance that the recollection of our visit to their Asylum, and of their magnanimous reception of our fraternity, will ever be cherished by us as the tarrying for a brief, but most pleasant period in one of the green spots by the wayside of life's rugged journey.

Resolved,—That we appreciate the courtesy and hospitality of the distinguished gentlemen of the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce, and beg to return to them our warmest thanks for the pleasure they have given us, and to reciprocate the hope expressed by so many of our newly-made Southern acquaintances, that the feelings and interests of all sections of our common country may be, for all time to come mutually and indissolubly united.

Resolved,—That as a slight token of the good faith of the foregoing resolutions, and of our desire to leave in the city of Atlanta some memento of our visit, which we trust may not be unacceptable to our kind friends of the South, the R. W. Grand Secretary is hereby requested to forward, as soon as it can conveniently be done, a full set of the bound Journals of the Grand Lodge of the United States, including the proceedings of the present session, to the State Library at Georgia, asking acceptance of the same as a slight indication of the pleasurable experiences of the members of this Body at this annual communication.

Resolved, That copies of the foregoing resolutions, under the seal of the Grand Lodge, and attested by the Grand Secretary, be sent severally to the Grand Lodge of Georgia, to each of the Subordinate Lodges of Atlanta, the Mayor of Atlanta, Cœur-de-Lion Commandery, and the Atlanta Board of Trade, and also be furnished to the papers of the city for publication.

In conclusion, it may be necessary to offer an explanation for the appearance of this report in the appendix of the Journal of Ontario for 1874. Having noticed that the same course has been taken in other jurisdictions and by that means the information contained in the Report is given to the several Lodges nearly a year sooner than it could be by the course hitherto adopted, consultation was had with all the Elective officers and several other prominent members of the R. W. Grand Lodge, and finding it to be the unanimous opinion of those brothers that such action would be decidedly advantageous, the pub-

lication of the Journal has been delayed beyond its usual time for the purpose of including this report.

Trusting that the course taken will meet the approval of the Grand Lodge, and being deeply impressed with the sense of the responsibility resting upon us and the high honor conferred in being your representatives, the whole is respectfully submitted.

JAMES WOODYATT,
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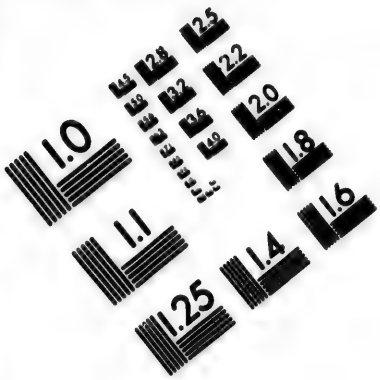

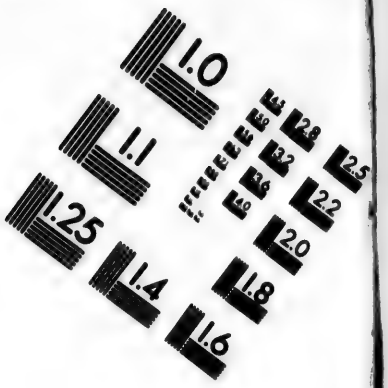

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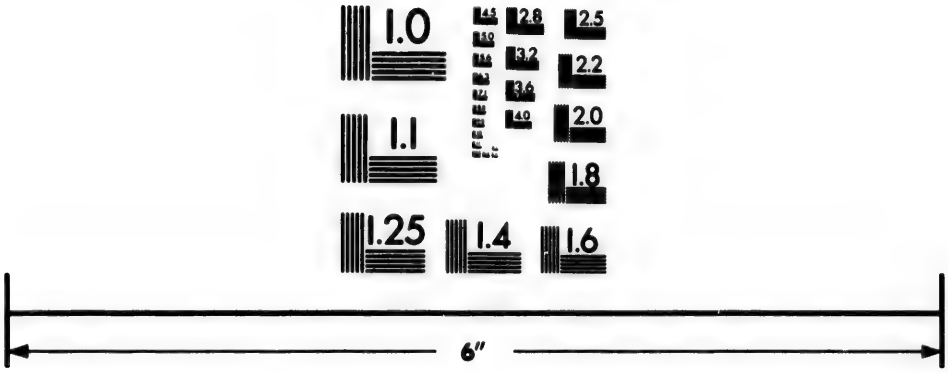

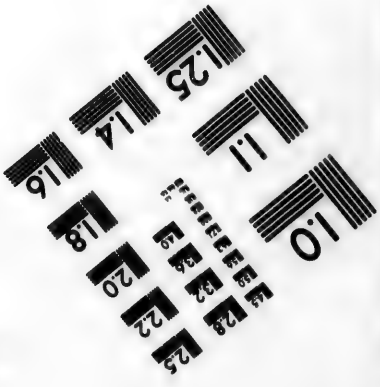

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CONSTITUTION.

PREAMBLE.

WHEREAS, it has been found expedient and of the utmost importance to the well-being of all organized Institutions, to govern the same by sound and uniform laws and regulations ;—

THEREFORE THE GRAND LODGE OF CANADA WEST,* of the Independent Order of ODD FELLOWS, with a view of insuring a co-operation and uniformity of action, of providing for the best interests of the Order, and of securing more effectually the permanence of the blessings to be derived from the right exercise of those ennobling and heaven-born principles, of *Friendship, Love and Truth*, on which it is founded, doth ordain,declare and establish the following Articles as the CONSTITUTION for the government thereof.

ARTICLE I.

TITLE AND POWERS.

SECTION I.—TITLE.

This Grand Lodge shall be known and hailed by the name, style and title of "THE RIGHT WORTHY PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CANADA WEST, OF THE INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS."

[This Grand Lodge shall be known and hailed by the name, title and style of " THE RIGHT WORTHY GRAND LODGE OF ONTARIO, OF THE INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS.—Adopted 1873.]

SECTION II.—POWERS.

Clause 1.—This Provincial Grand Lodge shall have jurisdiction in Odd Fellowship, within that section of the Province of Canada called and known as Canada West, being the Superior Tribunal of all subordinate Lodges within its jurisdiction.

* This was changed to the Grand Lodge of Ontario in 1873.

[This Grand Lodge shall have jurisdiction in Odd-Fellowship, within that section of the Dominion of Canada called and known as Ontario, being the Superior Tribunal of all Subordinate Lodges within its jurisdiction.—Adopted 1873.]

Clause 2.—No Lodge can be formed, nor continue to exist, within its jurisdiction, without the express sanction of this Grand Lodge.

Clause 3.—It possesses within its jurisdiction the right and power of granting, suspending or annulling Charters for proper cause ; of receiving, hearing and determining appeals from the decisions of Subordinate Lodges, and of redressing all grievances arising therein ; of regulating the means of its own support ; and of performing all such other acts and things as shall have for their object the promotion of the true and best interests of the Order, or shall appertain to it by ancient usage or custom, and are not in violation of the laws of the land, or the regulations of the Order.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERSHIP.

SECTION I.—QUALIFICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP.

Clause 1 —This Grand Lodge shall be composed of its Elective and Appointed officers, formally installed, of its Past Grands, duly qualified and of regular Representatives from the several Lodges under its jurisdiction, who shall have been duly elected, as provided in Section II. of this Article.

[This Grand Lodge shall be composed of all duly qualified Past Grands within its jurisdiction, who shall be entitled to all the privileges pertaining to their rank, as prescribed by the Usages and Laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States ; but for Legislative purposes it shall be purely a representative body : Adopted 1873.]

Clause 2.—Any Past Grand on presenting a Certificate of his official services, and after satisfactory examination in the Degrees pertaining thereto, shall be entitled to receive the Grand Lodge Degree.

Clause 3.—No Representative shall be admitted to a seat in this Grand Lodge unless duly certified as having been elected thereto ; nor until he has been instructed in the Grand Lodge Degree, and has signed a promise faithfully to support, maintain and abide by the Constitution and By-Laws of this Grand Lodge.

[No Past Grand shall be admitted as a Representative in this Grand Lodge unless duly certified as having been elected thereto ; nor until he has been instructed in the Grand Lodge Degree, and has signed a promise faithfully to support, maintain and abide by the Constitution and By-laws of this Grand Lodge. Adopted 1873.]

Clause 4.—Every Past Grand Master, in good standing in a Subordinate Lodge under this jurisdiction, shall be admitted to seats in this Grand Lodge, and shall have the power of debating and making motions, but in no case shall they have the power of voting, unless they be also grand Representatives.

[Every Past Grand Master, in good standing in a Subordinate Lodge under this jurisdiction, and all elective officers in this Grand Lodge, shall have the right of debating and making motions. Adopted 1873.]

SECTION II.—ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Clause 1.—Every Lodge within the jurisdiction, shall, at its first meeting, in the month of July, annually, elect by ballot from amongst its Past Grands in good standing, a Representative or Representatives, as follows: that is to say, one Representative where the number of members in good standing, returned in the next preceding Annual Report, shall be less than 50, and one Representative for each additional 50 members over that number, such Representatives to serve for a period of one year from the day previous to that appointed for the Annual Session of this Grand Lodge.

[Every Lodge within the jurisdiction shall, at its first meeting in the month of July, annually, elect by ballot from amongst its Past Grands in good standing a Representative or Representatives as follows, that is to say: One Representative where the number of members in good standing, returned in the next preceding semi-annual report shall be 100 or less, over 100 and under 200, two Representatives; over 200, three Representatives. Adopted 1874.]

Clause 2.—Any Lodge not having a properly qualified P. G., may choose one so qualified from any other Lodge within the jurisdiction, to represent it in this Grand Lodge for the like period.

[In all ballotings, only one name shall be written upon any ballot. Adopted 1873.]

SECTION III.

Clause 1.—The resignation by any member of his office of Representative, must be addressed in writing to the N. G of his Lodge which shall proceed at its first opportunity to consider the same, and either accept or refuse the resignation, as may seem expedient.

[The resignation of any member of his office as Representative, must be addressed in writing to the N. G. of his Lodge, which shall proceed at its first opportunity to consider the same, and either accept or refuse the resignation, as may seem expedient; and if such resignation be accepted, the Lodge may at once proceed to elect another qualified member to fill the vacancy. Adopted 1873.]

SECTION IV.—TRIAL OF MEMBERS.

Clause 1.—Whenever charges affecting the character or standing of any member shall be submitted to the Grand Lodge in writing, by

one or more members thereof, the same shall be immediately referred to a Committee of five members, to be elected by ballot, who shall, with as little delay as possible, examine into the charges, and report the result of such examination to this Grand Lodge.

Clause 2.—Should the Committee report such charges unfounded, or as not having been proved, such report shall be accepted as final, and the charge dismissed.

Clause 3.—Should the Committee report the charges as proved in whole or in part, a special meeting of this Grand Lodge shall be convened with all possible despatch, at which the member thus charged shall be heard in his defence; and having heard the same, the Grand Lodge shall proceed to determine the case, by the acquittal, reprimand, suspension from his seat in the Grand Lodge, or expulsion therefrom of the implicated member, as the Grand Lodge may deem fit and proper.

[Should the Committee report the charges as proved, in whole or in part, the Grand Lodge, after having heard the member thus charged, in his defence, shall proceed to determine the case, by acquittal, reprimand, suspension from his seat in the Grand Lodge, or expulsion therefrom of the implicated member, as the Grand Lodge may deem fit and proper.—Adopted 1873.]

[In case the Committee should find the charges proven, in whole or in part, against an Elective Officer (the Grand Lodge not being in Session), they shall communicate the fact to the other Elective Officers; should such officers deem it advisable, they shall convene a Special Meeting of this Grand Lodge for the purpose of proceeding as provided in Clause 15.—Adopted 1873.]

Clause 4.—Whenever a member shall be suspended or expelled, intimation of the same shall be forthwith given to the N. G. of his Lodge, from which time he shall cease to be a member of the order.

[Whenever any member shall be suspended or expelled, intimation of the same shall be forthwith given to the N. G. of his Lodge, and the Grand Lodge may require that he be tried by the Subordinate Lodge to which he belongs.—Adopted 1873.]

ARTICLE III.

OFFICERS.

SECTION I.—ELECTIVE OFFICERS.

Clause 1.—The Elective Officers of this Grand Lodge shall be—

The Most Worthy Grand Master.
" Right Worthy Deputy Grand Master.
" " " Grand Warden.
" " " Grand Secretary.
" " " Grand Treasurer.
" " " Grand Representatives.

[To be elected by ballot.—The words "To be elected, &c.," added 1873.]

Clause 2.—These Elective Officers shall be elected by ballot, after previous nomination, such nomination and election to take place at the Annual Session of the Grand Lodge, and at the first meeting thereof.

[These Elective Officers shall be elected by ballot, after previous nomination, such nomination and election to take place at the Annual Session of the Grand Lodge, and on the second day of the Session, at 4 o'clock p. m.—Adopted 1873.]

Clause 3.—At each election the presiding Officer shall appoint two of the members present as Tellers, who shall present the ballot-box to each member as his name is called by the Grand Secretary, and having collected all the ballots, shall examine the same, and report the result.

[At each election the presiding Officer shall appoint two of the members present, as Tellers, who shall *preside* at the ballot-box, and *allow* each member as his *Lodge* is called by the Grand Secretary, *to deposit his ballot*, and, *when the balloting is completed*, shall examine the same and report the result.—Adopted 1873.]

Clause 4.—Each Elective Officer, the Grand Representative excepted, shall be chosen separately, by a majority of the votes given. Should there be no choice of such officer at any ballot, a new ballot shall forthwith take place among the members present; and after each ballot the name of the Candidate who shall have received the smallest number of votes shall be withdrawn.

Clause 5.—All Candidates for elective offices must have received the three past Official Degrees.

Clause 6.—The Elective Grand Officers shall be installed immediately after the completion of the election, unless otherwise ordered by the Grand Lodge, and all officers shall serve until the next Annual Session, and until the installation of their successors.

[The Elective Grand Officers, except the Grand Representatives, shall be installed, according to the Grand Lodge order of business, unless otherwise ordered by the Grand Lodge, and shall serve until the next Annual Session, and until the installation of their successors. Adopted 1873.]

Clause 7.—The sitting Grand Master or any P. G. Master, or the highest officer present, shall instal the Grand Master elect, who shall thereafter instal the other officers.

Clause 8.—Should any officer elect fail to present himself for installation at the time duly appointed for that ceremony, his office shall be declared vacant, unless sufficient cause be shown for such non-attendance, and the members present shall forthwith proceed to fill the same by a new election, the successful Candidate at which shall be immediately installed. Should sufficient cause be shown, as aforesaid, the installation of the officer elect, so absent, may take place at such time, and in such manner as the G. Lodge may then specially direct.

Clause 9.—The Grand Representative or Representatives to represent this Grand Lodge in the Supreme Grand Lodge of the U. S., to be elected in accordance with the Constitution and Laws of the said Supreme Grand Lodge.

SECTION II.—APPOINTED OFFICERS.

Clause 1.—The appointed officers of this Grand Lodge shall be—

The Worthy Grand Marshall,
" " " Conductor,
" " " Guardian,

to be nominated by the Grand Master immediately after his installation, subject to the approval of the Grand Lodge. A Right Worthy Grand Chaplain may be appointed at the same time, and in the same manner.

[The appointed Officers of the Grand Lodge shall be :

The Worthy Grand Marshall.
" " " Conductor.
" " " Guardian.
" " " Chaplain.

To be appointed by the Grand Master immediately after his installation subject to the approval of the Grand Lodge. Adopted 1873.]

Clause 2.—The Grand Master shall, as soon after his installation as may be, nominate, subject to the approval of the Grand Lodge, a Right Worthy Grand District Deputy, for each District into which this jurisdiction may be divided by this Grand Lodge, and within which one or more subordinate Lodges may be in operation.

[Should a vacancy occur in the office of Grand Representative, R. W. Grand Warden, R. W. Grand Secretary, or R. W. Grand Treasurer, by death, resignation or otherwise, during the recess of this Grand Lodge, such vacancy shall be filled by a person to be chosen by a majority of the remaining Elective Officers, provided always that the person so chosen shall serve only until the next Annual Session of this Grand Lodge, when in the event of the term of the vacant office being still unexpired, the Representatives present shall elect by ballot a person to serve for the remainder of such unexpired term.—Adopted 1873.]

Clause 3.—All the above mentioned appointed officers, except the R. W. G. Chaplain, must be in possession of the three past official degrees.

Clause 4.—The Grand Master may appoint, as Janitor, with the consent of the Grand Lodge, any Brother of the Order of the Scarlet Degree, and in good standing, to take charge of the outer door.

SECTION III.—VACANCIES.

Clause 1.—Any office, the occupant of which may have been absent without satisfactory excuse being made on his behalf, from four successive meetings of the Grand Lodge, may be declared vacant by

the Grand Lodge, on motion to that effect; provided notice of such motion shall have been given at a regular meeting, at least two weeks previous to that at which it is decided; and that a copy of such notice shall have been transmitted to said occupant.

Clause 2.—Any vacancy in office shall be filled at the first meeting of the Grand Lodge after the announcement of the same, by election or appointment, as the case may be, in the same manner as provided for in the previous sections, and for the residue of the time of the former incumbent.

SECTION IV.—DUTIES AND POWERS.

Clause 1.—The M. W. Grand Master shall preside at all meetings of the Grand Lodge, when present; he shall preserve order and decorum therein, and decide all questions of order, subject however, to an appeal to this Grand Lodge; he shall have the casting vote upon all occasions when the Grand Lodge is equally divided, except in the election of officers; he shall appoint *pro tem.*, in the absence of the regular incumbents, all officers whose appointment is not otherwise provided for by the Grand Lodge: sign all requisite orders on the Grand Treasurer, and all regular documents requiring his signature, and transmit, or cause to be transmitted regularly, previous to the commencement of each term, to each Subordinate Lodge, within this jurisdiction, the Pass-Word received from the Supreme Grand Lodge of the U. S.; he shall *ex-officio*, be a member of all Committees of this Grand Lodge, whose meetings he may choose to attend; he shall have power in the absence of the Deputy Grand Master, and Grand District Deputy, to appoint a qualified Past Grand to open newly chartered Lodges, install their officers, and present their Charters; and he shall, in person, or by Deputy, visit and inspect the books, proceedings, and work of each Subordinate Lodge within this jurisdiction, once in each year, or oftener, if he may deem it necessary in the furtherance of their interests.

[The following was added to this Clause at Session of 1873: The necessary expenses incurred in making such visit to be defrayed by the Grand Lodge.]

Clause 2.—The R. W. Deputy Grand Master shall act as the Assistant of the Grand Master, and during the absence of that officer shall be invested with all his powers. In the event of the death, resignation, or removal from office of the Grand Master, he shall, *ex officio*, become Grand Master, until the next regular Session thereafter.

[The following was added to this Clause at Session of 1873: And shall receive the Honors of the office.]

Clause 3.—The R. W. G. Warden shall preside in the absence of the Deputy Grand Master; he shall assist the Grand Master in the

ceremonies of the Order, and in the preservation of decorum in the Grand Lodge; he shall confer the Grand Lodge Degree on all Past Grands qualified to receive it: and shall, subject to the Grand Master, have charge of the Lodge Room during all meetings of the Grand Lodge.

[And in the event of a vacancy in the office of R. W. D. Grand Master, he shall, *ex-officio*, become Deputy Grand Master until the first regular Session thereafter.—Adopted 1873.]

Clause 4.—The R. W. Grand Secretary shall attend, in person, at every meeting of the Grand Lodge, and when absent, shall transmit the books and records thereof; he shall keep a just and true record of all proceedings, and intimate to each Subordinate Lodge such portion thereof as may affect it; he shall preserve all books, and file all documents belonging to his office, attest all orders drawn on the Grand Treasurer, inform him of all charges to be made against Subordinate Lodges for Dispensations, Cards, &c., transmit for his examination all returns from Subordinate Lodges; pay over to him forthwith, all monies coming into his hands on account of this Grand Lodge; receive all documents relative to the Grand Lodge; and submit the same to the Grand Master, at the Grand Lodge, if in Session: conduct all correspondence on behalf of the Grand Lodge; furnish all Committees with such official documents as may be necessary for their reference, if required so to do; transmit to the Supreme Grand Lodge a regular report of the Order, made up to the 30th day of June, in each year; notify all Subordinate Lodges of each regular Session of this Grand Lodge, at least two weeks previous to its commencement; prepare all Charters granted by the Grand Lodge; affix the Grand Seal to such Charters, and to all other documents requiring it; perform all the duties of the Grand Treasurer in his absence, and attend to all other business not herein enumerated, and coming properly within his duty.

[The duty of the R. W. Grand Secretary shall be to attend, in person, every meeting of the Grand Lodge, and when absent shall transmit the books and records thereof; he shall keep a just and true record of all proceedings, and intimate to each Subordinate Lodge such portion thereof as may affect it; he shall also keep a just and true account between each Subordinate Lodge and the Grand Lodge, and also of the affairs of this Grand Lodge; he shall preserve all books and fyle all documents belonging to his office; attest all orders drawn on the Grand Treasurer, pay over to him forthwith all moneys coming into his hands on account of this grand Lodge; receive all documents relative to the Grand Lodge, and submit the same to the Grand Master, at the Grand Lodge, if in Session; conduct all correspondence on behalf of the Grand Lodge; furnish all Committees with such official documents as may be necessary for their reference; transmit to the Grand Lodge of the United States a regular report of the Order, made up to the 30th day of June in each year; notify all Subordinate Lodges of each regular Session of this Grand Lodge, at least two weeks previous to its commencement; prepare all Charters granted by

the Grand Lodge; affix the Grand Seal to such Charters, and to all other documents requiring it; perform all the duties of the Grand Treasurer in his absence; and attend to all other business not herein enumerated, and coming properly within his duty. He shall have his books properly closed by the first day of August in each year, and shall have a sufficient number of his Financial Statement and Statistical Table printed for the use of each Officer and Representative of the Grand Lodge; and shall receive such salary as may be fixed upon at each Annual Session.—Adopted 1870.]

Clause 5.—The R. W. G. Treasurer shall receive and take charge of the moneys of this Lodge, depositing the same in some Chartered Banking Institution of this Province, to be named by the Grand Lodge, within three days at furthest, after receipt thereof, unless otherwise directed by this Grand Lodge; he shall pay all orders drawn on him by the Grand Master, and countersigned by the Grand Secretary, and none other; he shall keep his accounts in a fair, clear and legible manner, exhibiting in as far as possible, the sources of all receipts, and the destination of all disbursements, with the amount of both; he shall have his accounts closed immediately before every regular Session, and submit them thereat to this Grand Lodge, and shall execute, in favor of the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and Grand Warden in trust, a satisfactory Bond for the due and faithful performance of his duties.

Clause 6.—The R. W. G. Representative shall attend the Meetings of the Grand Lodge, and act thereat on behalf of the various Lodges within its jurisdiction; they shall be furnished with certificates of election in the form required by the supreme Grand Lodge.

[The R. W. Grand Representatives shall attend the meetings of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and act thereat on behalf of the various Lodges within this jurisdiction; they shall be furnished with certificates of election in the form required by the Grand Lodge of the United States. They shall also attend the meetings of this Grand Lodge, and submit a synopsis of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the United States at the Sessions thereof, attended by them.—Adopted 1873.]

Clause 7.—The R. W. G. Chaplain shall, when present, open and close every meeting of this Grand Lodge, according to his office, if required so to do.

The R. W. Grand Chaplain shall, when present, open and close every meeting of this Grand Lodge with prayer.—Adopted 1873.

Clause 8.—The W. G. Marshall shall examine Past Grands applying for the Grand Lodge Degree, and shall otherwise assist the Grand Master in the ceremonies of the Grand Lodge, according to his office.

Clause 9.—The W. Grand Conductor shall assist the Grand Marshall in the ceremonies of the Grand Lodge, and shall take his place during his absence.

The R. W. Grand Conductor shall assist the Grand Marshall in the ceremonies of the Grand Lodge; he shall securely guard the outer door of the Lodge Room; he shall permit no one to enter without examination, and receiving from him the semi-annual P. W.; he shall receive the Cards of Travelling Brothers desiring to visit this Grand Lodge, and deliver the same to the Grand Guardian to be laid before the Grand Lodge.—Adopted 1873.

Clause 10.—The W. Grand Guardian shall have the charge of the inner entrance of the Grand Lodge Room, and permit none to enter or depart without the usual formalities.

Clause 11.—Each R. W. Grand District Deputy shall act as the organ of the Grand Master, with the Subordinate Lodge or Lodges situated within the District over which he may be appointed; it shall be his duty to see that the work of the Order is performed therein uniformly and correctly, and to install the Officers of such Lodge or Lodges, or cause the same to be done by some competent Officer; he shall be entrusted with the charge of, and shall countersign and issue all Dispensations granted to any Lodge in his District; he shall report to the Grand Master,* previous to each Regular Session, such Dispensations as may have passed through his hands, together with all other matters coming within his sphere of duty; and he shall remit to the Grand Secretary all Dues, Dispensations, Charges, and other Funds, which may have been received by him on account of this Grand Lodge, as soon after receipt of the same as may be.

Clause 12.—Each Past Grand Master and Past Grand Secretary shall attend every meeting of the Annual Session at which his term has closed, and all Grand Officers shall, in addition to the duties specified in this constitution, perform all such others as the Supreme Grand Lodge may from time to time enjoin.†

ARTICLE IV.

COMMITTEES.

SECTION I.—STANDING COMMITTEES.

Clause 1. The Elective Grand Officers, exclusive of the Grand Representatives, shall constitute an Advisory Board, who shall meet on the summons of the Grand Master, the duty of which shall be to render assistance and advice to the Grand Master, on such matters as he shall deem it necessary in the discharge of his official duties, to introduce and submit to its notice and consideration, during the recess of the Grand Lodge.

* The following words were added here in 1870, "At least two weeks."
† This clause was left out of the Session in 1870.

[The Elective Grand Officers shall constitute an Advisory Board, who shall meet on the summons of the Grand Master, the duty of which shall be to render assistance and advice to the Grand Master, on such Matters as he shall deem it necessary in the discharge of his official duties, to introduce and submit to its notice and consideration, during the recess of the Grand Lodge.—Adopted 1870.]

Clause 2.—The following Standing Committees shall be appointed by the Grand Master at the opening of each Annual Session to serve until their successors shall be appointed, unless sooner discharged by vote of the Grand Lodge :—

Committee on Credentials ;
Committee on Returns ;
Committee on Finance ;
Committee on Laws of Subordinates ;
Committee on Appeals.

The following were added at Session of 1870 :—

Committee on Printing ;
" " Legislation ;
" " State of the Order ;
" " Mileage and Per Diem ;
" " Petitions and Correspondence.

Clause 3.—The Committee on Credentials shall be composed of three Members who shall report to this Grand Lodge, without delay, on the qualification of Brothers claiming admission as Representatives, and on the validity of their Credentials.

The Committee on Credentials shall be composed of three members, of whom the Grand Secretary shall be one, who shall report to this Grand Lodge, without delay, on the qualification of Brothers claiming admission as Representatives, and on the validity of their Credentials.—Adopted 1870.

Clause 4.—The Committee on Returns shall consist of three Members, and shall examine and report to this Grand Lodge, without delay, on the regularity of the Returns of Subordinate Lodges.

Clause 5.—The Committee on Finance shall consist of three members, whose duty it shall be to examine all accounts and claims against this Grand Lodge, previous to their being ordered for payment ; to examine, at each Regular Session, all financial books and accounts of this Grand Lodge, and report thereon ; and to suggest such measures of finance as they may find to be expedient and necessary.

Clause 6—The Committee on Appeals shall be composed of at least one member from each Subordinate Lodge represented, to whom shall be referred all Appeals and Grievances from Subordinate Lodges, or from members thereof, (unless in the case of charges against members of this Grand Lodge,) on which they shall report without delay, recommending such action in the case as they may consider necessary ;

provided always that no member of this Committee shall act as such, on any appeal to which he may be himself a party.

The Committee on Appeals shall be composed of five members, of whom three shall form a quorum, to whom shall be referred all Appeals and Grievances from Subordinate Lodges, or from members thereof, (unless in the case of charges against members of this Grand Lodge,) on which they shall report without delay, recommending such action in the case as they may consider necessary; provided always that no member of this Committee shall act as such, on any Appeal to which he himself may be a party.—Adopted 1870.

Clause 7.—The Committee on Laws of Subordinate Lodges shall consist of five members, to whom shall be referred all By-Laws of Subordinate Lodges, sent in for approval, on which they shall report at the earliest opportunity, pointing out all regulations therein (if any,) which may violate or conflict with the Laws and Usages of the Order, and generally, as to all such matters relative thereto, as they may deem expedient.

The Commtttee on Printing shall consist of three members, of whom the Grand Secretary shall be one, to whom shall be referred all matters relative to the printing required by this Grand Lodge, and the necessary correction and condensing of material for the Journal of Proceedings of this Grand Lodge, previous to publication.—Adopted 1870.

The Committee on Legislation shall consist of three members, to whom shall be referred all questions pertaining to the making or amending of Laws.—Adopted 1870.

The Committee on the State of the Order shall consist of three members, to whom shall be referred the decisions of the M. W. Grand Master during the recess, all questions relating to the interpretation of the Laws and Usages of the Order in this Province, and all matters concerning the condition and prospects of the Order.—Adopted 1870.

The Committee on Mileage and Per Diem shall consist of three members, whose duty it shall be to arrange a table of the mileage and per diem of the Officers and Representatives of this Grand Lodge in accordance with such resolutions as may be adopted from time to time, fixing the rate of such Mileage and Per Diem.—Adopted 1870.

The Committee on Petitions and Correspondence shall consist of three members, to whom shall be referred all Petitions and Correspondence.—Adopted 1870.

SECTION II.—SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

Clause 1.—All Special Committees shall be named by the Grand Master, unless provided for by special vote, and shall be held bound to report at the next meeting of their appointment, unless otherwise ordered by this Grand Lodge.

All Special Committees shall be named by the Grand Master, unless provided for by Special vote, and shall report at the next meeting following their appointment, unless otherwise ordered by this Grand Lodge.—Adopted 1870.

Clause 2.—The final reports of all Committees must be made in writing.

The Reports of all Committees must be made in writing.—Adopted 1870.

ARTICLE V.

SECTION I.

Clause 1.—This Grand Lodge shall meet annually on the first Wednesday in August in each year, at such place as may be appointed at the preceding Session thereof.

Clause 2.—The Grand Master shall have the power to convene special meetings of the Grand Lodge, wherever, in his judgment, it would be for the true interests and benefit of the Grand Lodge and Oddfellowship generally within its jurisdiction, and the importance of the subject matters for consideration is such as to justify the expenses necessarily involved in such meetings.

The Grand Master shall have the power to convene special meetings of the Grand Lodge, whenever and wherever, in his judgment, it would be for the true interest and benefit of the Grand Lodge and Odd Fellowship generally within its jurisdiction, and the importance of the subject matters for consideration is such as to justify the expense necessarily involved in such meetings; provided always, that three weeks notice shall be given to each Subordinate Lodge of the time and object of such meeting.—Adopted 1870.

Clause 3.—At the Annual Session, the Returns and Reports of the several Subordinate Lodges, as required by the Constitution, shall be presented; the newly elected Representatives shall be admitted to to their seats, the Grand Officers shall be elected and installed; and all manner of business, within the powers and jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge shall be transacted in due form.

Clause 4.—At any Special meeting of the Lodge, no matter submitted for consideration shall be so acted on thereat as to affect in any way the Funds of this Grand Lodge.

At any Special Meeting of the Grand Lodge, no business shall be transacted other than that for which the meeting was called.—Adopted 1870.

Clause 5.—At all Regular and Special meetings this Grand Lodge may adjourn from time to time, as may be found expedient.

SECTION II.—WORKING.

Clause 1.—To constitute a Regular Special Meeting of this Grand Lodge, there must be a majority of the Representatives of all the Lodges within the jurisdiction present.

Clause 2.—This Grand Lodge shall be opened in the Grand Lodge Degree, and by Resolution thereof may be closed in that, and opened in the Scarlet Degree for the transaction of business, in order to enable Brethren of that Degree to be present and witness its proceedings.

Clause 3.—All questions before the Grand Lodge shall be determined by a majority of the votes of the members present.

All the business of this Grand Lodge during its Sessions shall be transacted in the Grand Lodge Degree.—Adopted 1870.

Clause 4.—All the Representatives present shall vote upon, and a majority thereof shall decide all questions before the Grand Lodge; and the Yeas and Nays, if called for and seconded, shall be regularly recorded on the minutes.

All the Representatives present shall vote upon, and a majority thereof shall decide, all questions before the Grand Lodge, unless otherwise provided by law, and the Yeas and Nays, if called for and seconded, shall be regularly recorded on the minutes.—Adopted 1870.

Clause 5.—The Representatives of any Lodge which may have failed to make its Annual Returns within one month after the close of any Annual or semi-Annual term, shall have no right to vote in this Grand Lodge until after such Annual or semi-Annual Return shall have been made.

No Representative shall be entitled to a vote in this Grand Lodge while any semi-annual Report, percentage, or account is due this Grand Lodge by the Lodge he represents.—Adopted 1870.

SECTION III.—RETURNS.

Clause 1.—This Grand Lodge shall transmit to the Supreme Grand Lodge, at least twenty days prior to the Annual Meeting of the latter, a Return up to the 30th June then last past, containing full information as to the work of the Lodges under its jurisdiction, for the then preceding year, their present state, prospects, and all such other particulars as may be required by the Form of Annual Return which the Supreme Grand Lodge may from time to time prescribe.

Clause 2.—Such Returns shall be accompanied by the amount of dues accruing to the Supreme Grand Lodge.

ARTICLE VI.

REGALIA AND JEWELS.

SECTION I.—REGALIA.

Clause 1.—The Regalia of the Officers and Members of this Grand Lodge shall consist of a Scarlet Sash or Collar about three inches in width, trimmed with Satin or white Lace or fringe, and a Scarlet Apron trimmed in like manner.

Past Grands shall wear scarlet collars or sashes, trimmed with white. The collars or sashes may be trimmed with silver lace or fringe; those having attained the Royal Purple Degree may have trimmings of yellow metal.—Adopted 1872.

The Grand Officers and Past Grand Officers of Grand Lodges, shall wear the regalia of Past Grands as above defined. The regalia for a Past Grand, who is also a Past Chief Patriarch, may, in lieu of any other regalia to which he may be entitled, be a scarlet collar, trimmed with white, the collar not to be more than five and a-half inches wide, with a roll of purple two inches wide, trimmed with yellow, the collar to be united in front with three links. The above described regalia may be worn by a brother, who has passed the chairs in a Lodge or in an Encampment, in any Grand or Subordinate Lodge, or any Grand or Subordinate Encampment. The collar may be of scarlet velvet, with white metal trimmings, and the roll of purple velvet with yellow metal trimmings.—Adopted 1870.

Clause 2.—Members having attained the Royal Purple Degree may wear Trimmings of Yellow Metal, and may also wear a narrow Purple Collar trimmed with Yellow Metal, having attached to it any Jewel which they may be entitled to wear in this Grand Lodge.

Clause 3.—No member shall be permitted to be present at the meetings of this Grand Lodge unless clothed in appropriate Regalia.

SECTION II.—JEWELS.

Clause 1.—The Jewels of the Officers of this Grand Lodge shall be as follows .—For Grand Master, the Sun ; for Deputy Grand Master, the Crescent ; for Grand Warden, the Hour Glass : for Grand Secretary, Crossed Pens ; for Grand Treasurer, Crossed Keys ; for Grand Marshall, Crossed Batons ; for Grand Conductor, Crossed Wands ; for Grand Guardian, Crossed Swords ; all of the above to be of White Metal, (except the G. M.'s and D. G. M.'s which shall be yellow) and to be enclosed with a five-pointed open Star ; such Star to be of yellow metal for the elective officers, and of white metal for the appointed officers.

Clause 2.—The Jewels of members of this Grand Lodge, not being officers, or past elective officers, shall be Crossed Gavils of white metal, within a five-pointed open Star ; such Star to be of yellow metal for those having attained the R. P. Degree, and of white metal for others.

Clause 3.—Past elective officers of this Grand Lodge shall be entitled to wear the Jewels of the offices they have respectively filled, with a white setting round the external margin of the Star.

The Jewel for a Past Grand Master is a sun, with a hand and heart ; for a Grand Master, a sun, with the scales of justice impressed thereon ; for a Deputy Grand Master, a half-moon ; for a Grand Warden, crossed gavels ; for a Grand Conductor, a Roman Sword ; for a Grand Guardian, crossed swords , for a Grand Marshall, a baton ; all of white metal.—Adopted 1870.

The jewel of a Grand Representative or Past Grand Representative, is a medal three inches in diameter, having on one side the coat of arms of his State, surrounded by an ornamental edging of silver. *(For Regalia of Subordinates, see Constitution of Subordinates.)*—Adopted 1870.

ARTICLE VII.

SUBORDINATE LODGES.

SECTION I.—INSTITUTION.

Clause 1.—Brothers desirous of establishing a new Lodge under this jurisdiction, shall transmit to this Grand Lodge, a written application to that effect, accompanied by their Cards of Clearance, or the Certificate of the Grand District Deputy of the District, that the same are in his possession, and by Certificates of their having attained the Scarlet Degree.

Clause 2.—Such application must be signed in every instance by at least five Brothers of the Scarlet Degree, and be accompanied by the sum of seven pounds ten shillings, being the Charter Fee. Should one Lodge, or more, be already established in the proposed location, the signatures of at least ten brothers, qualified as above, shall be requisite.

Such application must be signed in every instance by at least five brothers of the Scarlet Degree, and be accompanied by the sum of thirty dollars, being the Charter Fee. Should one Lodge, or more, be already established in the proposed location, the signatures of at least ten brothers, qualified as above, shall be requisite.—Adopted 1870.

Clause 3.—On receipt of a formal application for a Charter, as above required, the Grand Master, with the consent of the Advisory Board, may, if deemed necessary, issue a warrant for the immediate institution of the Lodge petitioned for.

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Clause 4.—Every application for the Establishment of a Lodge, shall, as soon as possible, be submitted to the Grand Master, who shall report the same at the next meeting of the Grand Lodge.

Clause 5.—The necessary Charges and Lectures shall be furnished by this Grand Lodge, to every new Lodge on its institution, to be paid for at such rates as may be charged by the Supreme Grand Lodge. The travelling expenses of the Instituting officer shall also be payable by the Lodge instituted.

Clause 6.—The first Noble Grand of a new Lodge shall be entitled to the Past Vice Grand and Past Secretary Degree, in addition to the degrees acquired by actual service.

[The first Noble Grand of a new Lodge shall be entitled to the Past Vice-Grand and Past Secretary's Degree, and the first V. G. shall be entitled to the Past Secretary's Degree, in addition to the Degrees acquired by actual service.—Adopted 1870.]

SECTION II.—GOVERNMENT.

Clause 1.—This Grand Lodge shall stand invested with full power, and it shall be its duty to issue, for the government of its Subordinate Lodges, the Form of Constitution and Rules of Order, ordained by the Supreme Grand Lodge, for the government of Subordinate Lodges under its immediate jurisdiction, with the requisite changes of style therein made; and it may add to such Constitution any clauses not conflicting with those so ordained by the Supreme Grand Lodge, or with the general Laws or principles of the Order; and, from time to time, afterwards may add to, amend, or repeal such additional Clauses: Provided always, however, that copies of the Constitution, so to be issued, and of all resolutions enacting, amending, or repealing any such additional Clause, or Clauses thereof, shall be immediately forwarded, in duplicate, to the Superior Grand Lodge, authenticated by the Seal of this Grand Lodge, and the signatures of the Grand Master and Grand Secretary; one of such duplicate copies to be returned to this Grand Lodge, certified as approved or otherwise, as the case may be.

[This Grand Lodge shall stand invested with full power, and it shall be its duty to issue, for the government of its Subordinate Lodges, a form of Constitution and Rules of Order. Provided always, however, that copies of the form of Constitution so to be issued, and of all resolutions enacting, amending, or repealing the same or any part or Clauses thereof, shall be immediately forwarded, in duplicate, to the Grand Lodge of the United States, authenticated by the Seal of this Grand Lodge, and the signature of the Grand Master and Grand Secretary; one of such duplicate copies to be returned to this Grand Lodge, certified as approved or otherwise, as the case may be.—Adopted 1870.]

Clause 2.—Every Subordinate Lodge under this jurisdiction, must adhere strictly to its Constitution and Rules of Order, as issued by the Grand Lodge; and also to the By-Laws framed by the Lodge in accordance therewith, and confirmed by this Grand Lodge, and shall, in all cases, yield implicit obedience to the further regulations that may from time to time be promulgated by this Grand Lodge.

Clause 3.—No Public Celebration of any kind, shall be held by Lodges under this jurisdiction, nor any controversy entered into relating to the Order through the public prints, without the express permission of the Grand Master, or in his absence, by the Deputy Grand Master.

Clause 4.—No person shall be admitted to Honorary Membership in any Subordinate Lodge, nor hold Membership in more than one Subordinate Lodge at the same time; and no Lodge shall, by remission or otherwise, exempt any of its members from the payment of the dues levied by law.

[No person shall be admitted to Honorary Membership in any Subordinate Lodge, nor hold membership in more than one Subordinate Lodge at the same time.—Adopted 1870.]

Clause 5.—No communication from a Subordinate Lodge shall be recognized as official, unless attested by its Secretary, and having its Seal affixed, of which seal an impression in lead will be furnished by this Grand Lodge, as soon as may be.

Clause 6.—This Grand Lodge shall divide Canada West* under its jurisdiction, into Districts, making such arrangements thereof, from time to time, as circumstances may suggest and require and as shall seem most fit and expedient.

Clause 7.—The Grand Lodge, or in its recess, the Grand Master thereof, shall have power to issue Dispensations, countersigned by the Grand Secretary, to any Lodge under its jurisdiction, to exempt it, in any particular case, from the operation of any of the various regulations, other than financial, by which it is governed, or to enable it to proceed in any matter with other than the usual and prescribed formalities, whenever the Grand Lodge or Grand Master may deem it for the interest and welfare of the Order so to do.

SECTION III.—FORFEITURE OF CHARTER.

Clause 1.—Any Subordinate Lodge failing to make the returns and pay the dues required by its Constitution, for twelve months, shall become liable to the forfeiture of its Charter, which may thereupon be recalled by the Grand Master, or by vote of the Grand Lodge at any regular session.

Clause 2.—In the event of any Lodge failing to meet for three consecutive months, it shall thereby become extinct; and it shall be the duty of the officers last installed to transmit to this Grand Lodge the Charter, Books, Funds, and other property of said Lodge.

Clause 3.—Members of extinct Lodges, who were clear of the Books of such Lodge, at the time of its dissolution, or who shall have paid to this Grand Lodge all arrears then due, may, upon application to the Grand Secretary, receive a Card of Clearance under the Seal of this Grand Lodge, which shall have all the force of a Card of Clearance regularly granted.

[The following was added to this at the session of 1870: Provided always that the Grand Master and Grand Secretary shall be satisfied that the applicant was not implicated in the breaking up of Lodge, or in the illegal distribution or use of the funds of the same.]

* Changed to "Province of Ontario," 1868.

ARTICLE VIII.

FUNDS.

SECTION I.—RECEIPTS.

Clause 1.—This grand Lodge shall be entitled to receive the following sums from Lodges under its jurisdiction:—for every charter issued to a new Lodge, the sum of seven pounds ten shillings; for every blank form of Visiting Card or Card of Clearance, the sum of nine pence; for every Dispensation issued to authorize the Lodge to proceed in any matter with other than the usual and prescribed formalities, the sum of not more than five dollars, at the discretion of the Grand Master, and not more than ten per cent. on the amount of the gross receipts of each Subordinate Lodge—those to the Widows' and Orphans' Fund excepted.

[*Clause* 1.—This Grand Lodge shall be entitled to receive from its Subordinates as follows: not less than 8 per cent. on the gross amount received for Degrees and Initiations, and when the Quarterly dues amount to $4 per annum, 12 per cent.; $5 per annum, 10 per cent.; $6 or over per annum, 8 per cent. on amount received for such dues, except on the proportion thereof set apart for the Widows' and Orphans' Fund. Adopted 1870.]

[This Grand Lodge shall be entitled to receive from each Subordinate the sum of fifty cents a year, payable half yearly, for each unsuspended member on its books, as shown by its Semi-Annual Return.—Adopted 1872.]

Clause 2.—In case of failure or deficiency in the funds of this Grand Lodge, the sum may be supplied by an assessment upon the Lodges under its jurisdiction, apportioned according to the number of votes to which each Lodge is entitled under Article II., Section II, Clause 1, of this Constitution.

[In case of failure or deficiency in the funds of this Grand Lodge, the sum may be supplied by an assessment upon the Lodges under its jurisdiction, apportioned according to the number of members in good standing in each Lodge, according to its last semi-annual Report.—Adopted 1870.]

SECTION II.—EXPENDITURE.

Clause 1.—All claims against this Grand Lodge shall be first placed in the hands of the Grand Secretary, and be by him submitted to the Finance Committee, who shall examine and report on the correctness of the same.

Clause 2.—Claims reported correct shall be submitted to this Grand Lodge, at a regular session, and if then approved, the Grand Master shall issue his warrant for the account, on the Grand Treasurer, which shall be attested by the Grand Secretary, and shall be duly entered in the Books of the Grand Lodge, by the Grand Treasurer.

Clause 3.—In cases of urgency, during the recess of this Grand Lodge, the Grand Master may, in his discretion, issue such warrant, making report thereof to the Grand Lodge at its next regular session.

ARTICLE IX.

BY-LAWS, ETC.

SECTION I.—BY-LAWS.

Clause 1.—This Grand Lodge shall stand fully invested with the power to adopt from time to time, such By-Laws and Resolutions as it may deem expedient; provided they do not, in any wise, contravene anypart of this Constitution, or of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Supreme Grand Lodge, or the general laws, principles, or customs of the Order.

Clause 2.—Copies of all such By-Laws shall be immediately forwarded in duplicate, to the Supreme Grand Lodge, authenticated by the Seal of this Grand Lodge, and the signatures of its Grand Master and Grand Secretary, one of such duplicate copies to be retained by the Supreme Grand Lodge, and the other to be returned to this Grand Lodge, certified as approved, or otherwise, as the case may be.

Clause 3.—All By-Laws and Resolutions of this Grand Lodge shall be provisionally in force from the time of their enactment; but any portion thereof not conforming to Clause 1 of this Section, may be annulled by the Supreme Grand Lodge, and such annulment may also have retro-active effect.

SECTION II.—AMENDMENTS.

Clause 1.--This Constitution,or any part thereof, shall not be altered, amended, suspended or annulled, unless by action of this Grand Lodge, at its Annual Communication, and upon notice being given by the Grand Secretary, three months previous thereto, to each of the Subordinate Lodges, of the proposed alteration.

The following was added to this at session of 1870: Except in a case where a Committee has been regularly appointed to report alterations of any kind, in which case it shall be lawful to take immediate action upon the changes proposed by said Committee.

ARTICLE X. *

EFFECTS OF DEFUNCT LODGES.

Clause 1.--The funds and properties of Subordinate Lodges are by the provisions of their Charters and the Laws of the Order, held only in trust for charitable purposes, and must be applied solely to these purposes, and the donating or in any manner dividing them among the members individually is a violation of the trust and the law, the penalty of which is expulsion. And if a Subordinate Lodge shall fail from any cause to work, all moneys and properties, together with the Charter, shall be surrendered to the Grand Lodge to be held in trust and applied as hereinafter provided.—Adopted 1870.

Clause 1.-Upon the suspension or expulsion of a Lodge,or surrender, or forfeiture of its Charter, it shall be the duty of its last installed Officers and Members having the custody of the Charter, books, papers, properties and funds of the Lodge to assign, transfer, and deliver the same on demand to the Grand Master, or the D. D. Grand Master of the District, or to such Past Grand as may be specially deputed by the Grand Master or Grand Lodge to receive the same, and the same shall be held subject to the order of the Grand Lodge. Any Officer or Member having such properties in custody, refusing such demand, shall be forever excluded from membership or fellowship in the Order, notwithstanding such Lodge should afterwards be restored to good standing.

Clause 1.--All effects or funds received by the Grand Lodge from any Subordinate or Degree Lodge under the previous Clauses, shall be kept separate and apart from the property and funds of the Grand Lodge, and such funds shall not be estimated as part of the funds of the Grand Lodge but shall be held in trust; first, for the benefit of any Brother and Widow or Orphans entitled to benefits in accordance with the By-Laws of such Lodge at the time of the dissolution or suspension of the same, and the balance, if any, to be restored should such Subordinate Lodge ever be reinstated, or upon the expiration of the period of its suspension; provided, however, that in the event said Lodge should not be restored to fellowship within three years, the funds and properties of said Lodge shall be disposed of or used under the direction of the Grand Lodge in aiding or assisting any working Lodge or proposed Lodge needing assistance, or to such other charitable purpose as in the judgment of the Grand Lodge may be deemed advisable.

Clause 4.--Upon the application of five or more members of an extinct Lodge,to the Grand Lodge for the restoration of such Lodge to fellowship, such applicants as the Grand Lodge may approve, may be restored to fellowship in said Lodge, together with the Charter and effects belonging to such Lodge at the time of its extinction, unless such effects shall have been disposed of as provided in Clause of this Constitution.

* This whole Article of 4 Clauses was adopted in 1870.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

ADOPTED 1870.

1st.—The members will clothe themselves in their appropriate Regalia.

2nd.—The Guardian will close the door.

3rd.—The Officers will take their respective Chairs.

4th.—The Grand Master will make *pro tem* appointments if needed.

5th,—The Grand Marshall and Grand Conductor will examine all present in the G. L. and Semi-Annual Pass-Word.

6th.—The Grand Chaplain will offer prayer.

7th.—The Grand Lodge will rise according to usage, and the Grand Marshall will declare the Grand Lodge open for business.

8th.—The Grand Secretary will read the Credentials of Representatives and new members.

9th.—The Grand Master shall appoint the Committee on Credentials, which shall report with as little delay as possible.

10th.—The Reception and adoption of the Report of the Credential Committee.

11th.—The Reception of new Members and Representatives, and the calling of the Roll of Officers and Representatives.

12th.—The reading and adoption of the Minutes of the last Annual Session, and of all Special Meetings of the year past.

13th.—The Reading and Reference to Appropriate Committees of the Reports of the Grand Officers.

14th.—The Appointment of all Regular Committees.

15th.—The Reception of Petitions, Communications and Appeals, and the reference of the same to Committees.

16th.—The Roll of Lodges shall be called for the presentation of Questions and Business, and proper reference of the same.

17th.—The Nomination and Election of Officers.

18th.—Unfinished business in order of its priority.

19th.—The Reports of Committees shall be read and considered.

20th.—The Installation of Officers.

21st.—The presentation and disposal of miscellaneous business.

22nd.—The closing of the Grand Lodge.

RULES OF ORDER.

Rule I.—The Presiding Grand Officer, having assumed the Chair, shall direct the Grand Officers and Members to take their respective stations, and, calling up the Grand Lodge, may request the Grand Chaplain, if present, to address the Supreme Ruler of the Universe in prayer, and shall thereafter direct proclamation to be made by the Grand Marshall of the opening of the Grand Lodge.

RULE 1st.—After each adjournment, the Grand Lodge shall be opened in the manner prescribed in the Order of Business, and the Minutes of the preceding sitting shall be read and approved.—Adopted 1870.

RULE 2nd.—During the continuance of the Session the most decorous order shall be observed, no one leaving the room without the permission of the Grand Master, nor entering without the consent of the Grand Warden.—Adopted 1870.

Rule II.—The order of Procedure, after opening, shall be as follows :—

1.—The calling of the Roll of Officers and Members.

2.—The consideration of any excuses which may be offered by Absentees from previous meetings.

3.—The receiving and consideration of any Report from the Committee on Credentials, or claims for admission as Representatives.

4.—The admission and instruction (when requisite) of new Members.

5.—The reading by the Grand Secretary of the Minutes of last meeting, the consideration of any objections which may be made to any part thereof, and their approval, with or without amendment, as the case may require.

6.—The receiving and consideration of any Report from the Committee on Returns, relative to the returns from Subordinate Lodges, and the reading of such Returns as may be reported correct.

7.—The reading and referring of Accounts presented.

8.—The reading, consideration and disposal of Petitions from Subordinate Lodges, or from Members thereof.

9.—The reading and referring of Appeals from Subordinate Lodges, or from Members thereof.

10.—The reading, consideration and disposal of other Communications.

11.—The receiving of any Reports from the other Standing Committees of this Grand Lodge, in the following order :—Committee on Finance ; Committee on Grievances ; Committee on Laws of Subordinates.

12.—The receiving of any Reports from Special Committees, in the order of their seniority.

13.—Unfinished Business, in order of priority at previous meetings.

14.—New Business.

15.—Closing, or Adjournment, as the case may be, of the Grand Lodge.

Rule III.—Any Member offering a motion must do so in writing, if a request to that effect be made by the Grand Secretary, the Presiding Officer, or a majority of the Grand Lodge.

RULE 3rd.—All motions shall be submitted in writing.—Adopted 1870.

Rule IV.—No question, unless regularly moved and seconded, shall be put to the Grand Lodge by the Presiding Officer.

Rule V.—No question shall be open for consideration until regularly put from the Chair; and when so put, no other motion shall be receivable, unless it be a motion—

1.—To adjourn;

2.—To lay on the table;

3.—To put the previous question;

4.—To postpone;

5.—To refer; or

6.—To amend.

These several motions, if made, shall have precedence in the order above stated, and the first, second and third thereof, shall be decided without debate.

Rule VI.—The Previous Question shall be put from the Chair, only after it has been ascertained that the call therefor is sustained by a majority of the Members of the Grand Lodge present, and shall then always be put in the words following:—"*Shall the question be now put?*" which words shall be understood to have reference to whatever question may be pending, immediately before such call for the previous question may have been made.

Rule VII.—If the vote of the Grand Lodge, taken pursuant to such call for the Previous Question, be in the affirmative, the Presiding Officer shall thereupon put forthwith to vote the question so pending, immediately before such call, and shall not allow any amendment or debate thereon; and if, on the other hand, the vote of the Grand Lodge be in the negative, the Presiding Officer shall be thereby precluded from putting to vote, during the remainder of the current Session, the question so pending as aforesaid.

RULE 7th.—If the vote of the Grand Lodge, taken pursuant to such call for the previous question, be in the affirmative, the Presiding Officer shall thereupon put forthwith to vote the question so pending, immediately before such call, and shall not allow any amendment or debate thereon.—Adopted 1870.

Rule VIII.—Before taking to vote on any motion the Presiding Officer shall ask, "*Is the Grand Lodge ready for the question?*" and,

should no member stand up to speak, the Presiding Officer shall rise to take the vote, after which no member shall have a right to speak on the question.

Rule IX.—After any question, except that of indefinite postponement or the previous question, may have been decided, any two members, having voted in the majority, may, at the same or next meeting of the then Session, move for a re-consideration, but no discussion of the main question shall be allowed upon such motion.

Rule X.—Any member may require the division of a question, when the sense will admit of it.

Rule XI.—When a blank is to be filled, the question shall first be taken on the highest sum or number, or in the longest or latest time proposed.

Rule XII.—The Ayes and Nays shall be taken and recorded, on the call of any three members.

Rule XIII.—Every member present may be required to vote on any question, unless excused by the Grand Lodge, personally interested in the result, or otherwise incapacitated.

Rule XIV.—Any member, intending to speak on a question, shall rise in his place, and respectfully address the Presiding Officer, confining himself to the question under debate, avoiding all personality and indecorous language, as well as any reflection on the Grand Lodge or its members.

Rule XV.—No member shall speak more than once on the same question, until every member desirous of speaking shall had have an opportunity of doing so—nor more than twice, unless by permission of the Presiding Officer.

Rule XVI.—Should more than one member rise to speak at the same time, the Presiding Officer shall determine which is entitled to the floor, and no member shall interrupt the business of the Grand Lodge, or in any manner disturb another in his speech, unless to call him to order for words spoken, or rules infringed..

Rule XVII.—Any member called to order while speaking, shall resume his seat, and the debate shall forthwith be suspended until the point of order thus raised be determined; nor shall such member speak upon such point of order, unless it be to make necessary explanations, or appeal from the decision of the Chair.

Rule XVIII—The decision of the Presiding Officer on questions of order shall be without debate, unless, entertaining doubts on the point, he should invite it; and on such questions alone shall he have the privilege of speaking from the Chair.

Rule XIX.—In all cases where a member may appeal from the decision of the Chair, he shall use the words following, and none other,

unless it be for necessary explanation:—"*Most Worthy Grand Master, I respectfully appeal from the decision of the Chair to the Grand Lodge,*" and the Grand Lodge shall, after such explanation as the Presiding Officer may deem necessary, proceed forthwith to consider and vote upon the question:—"*Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the Grand Lodge?*"

Rule XX.—Any member who may have been ruled out of order for manifestation of temper, or improper feeling, must apologize to the Grand Lodge, or to any aggrieved party, if required so to do by the Presiding Officer; and shall not speak again on the pending question, except to explain and apologize, unless specially permitted so to do by the Presiding Officer.

Rule XXI.—Visiting Past Grands, not members of this Grand Lodge, may address the Grand Lodge, on receiving permission to that effect from the Presiding Officer.

Rule XXII.—During the continuance of a meeting, the utmost decorum shall be observed; and no one shall retire from the room without the permission of the Presiding Officer.

Rule XXIII.—A motion to alter or suspend the Order of Procedure, as contained in Rule II., for the remainder of a meeting, may, at any time, be carried by a unanimous vote, or, if as many as five members call upon the Grand Lodge to sustain it, by a vote of not less than two-thirds of the members present and voting thereon; but no motion to suspend or alter such Order of Procedure for a longer term, shall at any time be put to vote.

A motion to alter or suspend the Order of Business for the remainder of a meeting may at any time be carried by a two-third vote, but no motion to suspend or alter any such order of business for a longer term shall at any time be put to vote.—Adopted 1870.

Rule XXIV.—These Rules of Order, or any part thereof, shall only be altered, amended, suspended or annulled, (except in the case provided for by Rule XXIII.), by action of the Grand Lodge of Canada West, in the same mode as required in Article IX., of the foregoing Constitution.

Constitution and Rules of Order,

FOR

SUBORDINATE LODGES.

CONSTITUTION

PREAMBLE.

For the purpose of ensuring, as much as possible, uniformity in the administration of the privileges, honors and benefits of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, within its Jurisdiction, the PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CANADA WEST—the Superior Tribunal of all Lodges within the limits of the Province of Canada West—doth hereby ordain the following Articles, as the CONSTITUTION of all SUBORDINATE LODGES working under its immediate jurisdiction.

ARTICLE I.

TITLE AND POWERS.

This Lodge will be constituted of at least Five Members of the Scarlet Degree, and shall be hailed and entitled, "———————— Lodge, No. ——, I. O. O. F. of Canada West,"* and shall possess the full powers and privileges of a Subordinate Lodge, holding a legal, unreclaimed and valid Charter, duly granted, and formally presented by the Grand Lodge of Ontario.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERSHIP.

SECTION I.—ADMISSION.

Clause 1.—Candidates for Membership in this Lodge must be more han 21, and not over 50 years of age, of good moral character, and in sound health.

* This was changed to the Province of Ontario at Session 1868.

[Candidates for Membership by Initiation in this Lodge must be 21 years of age, of good moral character, and in sound health, and residents within the jurisdiction of this Lodge at least six months.—Adopted 1870.]

Clause 2.—Every proposition for Membership must be submitted in writing by a Brother of this Lodge, and must state the name of the Applicant, and his residence, age, and occupation, supported by a reference to at least one other Member of the Lodge.

Clause 3.—The proposition so made shall be referred to a Committee of three Brothers, two of whom shall be appointed by the N. G., and one by the V. G., and who shall report thereon at the next Meeting.

Clause 4.—A ballot shall be taken on the proposition, immediately after the presentation of such report; when, if less than three black balls be found, the candidate shall be accepted; if three or more, he shall be rejected, and so declared.

Clause 5.—Any Brother or Ancient Odd Fellow, desirous of joining this Lodge, must present a Card of Clearance, from the Lodge of which he was previously a Member; and his application shall then be disposed of according to the above regulations.

[Any Brother or Ancient Odd Fellow, desirous of joining this Lodge must present a Card of Clearance or Dismissal Certificate from the Lodge of which he was previously a member; and his application shall then be disposed of according to the above regulations. —Adopted 1874.]

Clause 6.—Every Member, on his admission, shall sign a promise to support and abide by the Constitution and By-Laws of this Lodge, and to pay all legal demands against him, so long as he shall remain a Member.

Clause 7.—Any Candidate requiring admission, more than eight weeks after his election, must be again proposed and ballotted for, as in the case of a new candidate.

[Any Candidate requiring admission, more than thirteen weeks after his election must be again proposed and balloted for, as in the case of a new Candidate.—Adopted 1870.]

Clause 8.—The rejection of any Candidate for Membership shall be immediately intimated to every Subordinate Lodge within this Province, and to the Grand Lodge of Canada West.

[The rejection of any Candidate for membership shall be immediately intimated to every Subordinate Eodge in the City, Town or Village, in which such rejection takes place.—Adopted 1870.]

[The rejection of any candidate for membership shall be intimated to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Ontario at the end of each month during which the rejection takes place, and, that in cities and towns where there are two or more Lodges, notice shall also be sent to each of them during the week of such rejection.—Adopted 1872.]

[The rejection of any Candidate for membership shall be immediately intimated to every Subordinate Lodge in the City, town or Village in which such rejection takes place, and to the R. W. Grand Secretary, of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, monthly.—Adopted 1874.]

Clause 9.—No Candidate who has been rejected can be again proposed for Membership, until, at least, six months after such rejection; and no person who has been twice rejected on application for Membership in the Order, shall be again proposed as a Candidate.

[No Candidate who has been rejected can be again proposed for Membership, until, at least, six months after such rejection.—Adopted 1870.]

SECTION II.—DEGREES.

Clause 1.—Every Brother, previous to his receiving any of the Five Degrees, shall present a certificate from the P. S. that he is not in arrears to the Lodge, and that he has paid all charges for the said Degrees, and shall then be ballotted for.

Clause 2.—If, on such ballot, his application be opposed by more than three of the members present, it shall be rejected; otherwise, he shall be considered eligible, and shall be admitted to the Degree or Degrees in question.

Clause 3.—No certificate for Degree shall be granted until after the Candidate shall have paid the amount required therefor.

Clause 4.—No Brother, having been less than one month in Membership, shall be eligible for Degrees; and not more than three Degrees shall be conferred on any Brother at one and the same meeting.

[No Brother having been less than one month in membership, shall be eligible for Degrees; and not more than three Degrees shall be conferred on any Brother at one and the same meeting, except by dispensation.—Adopted 1874.]

SECTION III.—CLEARANCE.

Clause 1.—Any Brother desiring to withdraw from this Lodge, may signify such desire, either personally in open Lodge, or by letter addressed to the Secretary; and shall thereupon be entitled to his Card of Clearance, provided he be in good standing, and clear of the books.

[Any Brother in good standing and clear of the books, desiring to withdraw from a Lodge, may signify such desire either personally in open Lodge, or by a letter addressed to the Secretary, whereupon the Lodge will proceed to a ballot, with ball ballots and a majority vote of the members present shall be necessary to the granting a Card of Withdrawal. If a majority of the members present refuse to grant such card, the applicant therefor may tender a written resignation of his membership, and shall be entitled to receive from the Secretary, under the Seal of the Lodge, a Certificate that he has resigned membership, and such Certificate shall be sufficient evidence that the Brother was in good standing at the time of his resignation; Provided, that upon the re-

fusal of the Card, the member applying for the same shall have the right of appeal to the Grand Lodge.—Adopted 1870.]

[Should any Brother, receiving a Card of Clearance from this Lodge, apply within twelve months thereafter to be again admitted a Member of this Lodge and be accepted, the Lodge may remit in his favor the Entrance Fee, or such proportion thereof as it may think fit. —Adopted 1874.]

ARTICLE III.

OFFICERS.

SECTION I.—ELECTIVE OFFICERS.

Clause 1.—The Elective Officers of this Lodge shall be Noble Grand, Vice Grand, Secretary, P. Secretary, and Treasurer; and the Lodge may also provide, by its By-Laws, for the election of a Degree Master and a Physician.

Clause 2.—Any Brother to be nominated for the office of D. M., must be a P. G., having the three P. O. Degrees; for the office of N. G., a V. G., or P. V. G., for the office of V. G,, a Secretary, Past Secretary, or a Brother who has completed, or is then serving, a second term in some inferior office or offices in this Lodge; and no Brother shall be eligible to any of the other elective offices, unless he shall have served at least two terms in some appointed office, and shall have attained the Scarlet Degree.

[Any Brother to be nominated for the office of D, M., must be a P. G., having the three P. O. Degrees; for the office of N. G., a V. G., or P. V. G.; and all other Elective Officers, except Physician, a Brother who has served at least twenty-six nights in some inferior office, and has attained to the Scarlet Degree.—Adopted 1870.]

Clause 3.—No Officer except the P. S., Treasurer, or Physician, shall be proposed for re-election to the same office, if any other qualified Brother be in nomination therefor, until two terms after passing through the chair in question.

[All officers shall be eligible for re-election.—Adopted 1870.]

Clause 4.—Nominations for the Elective Offices shall be made only at the two meetings next preceding that fixed for the Elections thereto, except when the nominees for an office are all absent without excuse, or decline serving.

Clause 5.—No Brother shall be nominated who has not signified his willingness to accept the office for which he has been named; and no nomination shall be held to be in force, on proceeding to election, unless the Brother so nominated be then present, or have sent to the Lodge a sufficient excuse in writing.

Clause 6.—The Election of Officers shall take place at the last regular meeting in each term, except in the case of the D. M., P. S., and

Physician, who shall be elected to serve for a term of six or twelve months, as the Lodge by its By-Laws determines.

Clause 7.—If, for any Elective Office, only one Brother shall be in nomination, such brother shall be declared elected by acclamation; should there be two or more candidates duly nominated, the members present shall proceed to elect one of such candidates by ballot.

[If, for any elective office, only one Brother shall be in nomination, such Brother shall be ballotted for by some member, and declared elected unanimously; should there be two or more candidates duly nominated, the members present shall proceed to elect one of such candidates by ballot.—Adopted 1874.]

Clause 8.—A majority of all the legal votes cast, shall be necessary to election; should there be no choice of an officer at any ballot, a new ballot shall forthwith take place, and after each ballot, the name of the candidate who may have received the smallest number of votes shall be withdrawn.

SECTION II.—APPOINTED OFFICERS.

Clause 1.—The appointed Officers of this Lodge shall be W. C., O. G., I. G., R. S. N. G., L. S. N. G., R. S. V. G., L. S. V. G., and R. and L. S. S; and the Lodge may, at its option, add a Chaplain.

Clause 2.—These Officers shall be nominated by the N. G., immediately after his installation; except the R. and L. S. V. G., who shall be nominated at the same period by the V. G.

[These Officers shall be appointed by the N. G., immediately after his installation, except the R. and L. S. V. G., who shall be appointed at the same period by the V. G.—Adopted 1870.]

Clause 3.—All Brothers appointed as Officers must be in good standing, and the W. and O. G. must have attained the Scarlet Degree.

[All Brothers appointed as Officers must be in good standing and the W. O. G., and I. G., must have attained the Scarlet Degree.—Adopted 1870.]

Clause 4.—The N. G., with the consent of the Lodge, may appoint as O. G., a Brother of the Scarlet Degree belonging to any other Lodge.

SECTION III.—VACANCIES.

Clause 1.—Any office, the occupant of which may have been absent without satisfactory excuse for four successive regular meetings, may be declared vacant by vote of the Lodge, on a motion to that effect; provided notice of such motion has been given at the regular meeting previous to that at which the vote is taken.

[Any office, the occupant of which may have been absent without satisfactory excuse from three successive regular meetings, may be declared vacant by vote of the Lodge, on motion to that effect; provided notice of such motion has been given at the regular meeting previous to that at which the vote is taken.—Adopted 1870.]

Clause 2.—Any Vacancy in Office shall be filled by election or appointment as the case may be, in the manner as provided for in the previous Sections; and Brothers, so elected or appointed, shall be entitled to all the privileges of the office, provided they complete the Term.

SECTION IV.—DUTIES AND POWERS.

Clause 1.—The Officers of this Lodge shall perform such duties, and be invested with such powers, as are prescribed by the Charge-Books and Usages of the Order, and the laws of the Grand Lodge.

Clause 2.—This Lodge shall have authority to add thereto such duties and powers as may not be inconsistent with the provisions of the preceding clause of this Section.

ARTICLE IV.

SESSIONS, TERMS AND RETURNS.

SECTION I.—SESSIONS.

Clause 1.—This Lodge shall hold its Meetings weekly, on such evening and at such hour as may be provided by its By-Laws.

[This Lodge shall hold its meetings weekly or semi-monthly, on such evening and at such time as may be provided by its By-Laws; provided always, that as decided by the Grand Lodge of the United States, twenty-six nights service be required as the term of office.—Adopted 1870.]

Clause 2.—Special Sessions may be called by the N. G., such notice thereof being given as may be required by the By-Laws of the Lodge.

[Special Sessions may be called by the N. G., such notice thereof being given as may be required by the By-Laws of the Lodge. The notice shall contain the particular reason for calling the same, and no business but that expressed in such notice shall be entered upon at such special meeting. –Adopted 1870.]

Clause 3.—No business shall be transacted at any regular or special meeting unless at least five members of this Lodge be then present; nor otherwise than according to the Rules of Order annexed to this Constitution.

Clause 4.—Members of other Lodges may be admitted as visitors, provided they give the Pass-word for the term, or are introduced by an Officer of the Grand Lodge.

[Members of the Order may be admitted as visitors, provided they give the Pass-Word for the current Term, upon presentation of a proper Card, or are introduced by an Elective Officer of the Grand Lodge.—Adopted 1874.]

Clause 5.—This Lodge shall have no power to resolve itself, at any time, into Committee of the Whole.

SECTION II.—TERMS.

Clause 1.—The Terms of this Lodge shall be Semi-Annual, and shall commence on the first regular meetings in July and January respectively; should the D. M., P. S., or Physician, be elected semi-annually, their Terms shall commence at the first regular meetings in July and January respectively; and, if annually, then at the first regular meeting in July.

[The Terms of this Lodge shall be Semi-Annual or Annual, as provided by its By-Laws, and shall commence on the first regular meetings in July and January respectively if semi-annual; and on the first regular meeting in July, if annual. Should the D. M., P. S., or Physician, be elected semi-annually, their Terms shall commence at the first regular meetings in July and January respectively; and, if annually, then at the first regular meeting in July.—Adopted 1874.]

Clause 2.—Every Term shall be held to close on the day on which the succeeding one may commence.

SECTION III.—RETURNS.

Clause 1.—It shall be the duty of the last Past Officers to prepare and forward to the Grand Secretary of C. W., immediately on the expiry of their Term of Office, a regular return of the work of such Term, with the result of the Election of Officers, &c., in accordance with such blank form of Quarterly Return, as the Grand Lodge may from time to time direct to be used.

[It shall be the duty of the last Past Officers to prepare and forward to the Grand Secretary of Ontario immediately on the expiry of their Term of Office, a regular return of the work of such Term, with the result of the Election of Officers, &c., in accordance with such blank form of Semi-Annual Return, as the Grand Lodge may from time to time direct to be used.—Adopted 1870.]

Clause 2.—Such Semi-Annual Return shall be accompanied by the amount due the Grand Lodge, not being more than 10 per cent, on the Receipts of this Lodge, as shown by the Return, exclusive of the amount received on account of the W. and O. Fund.

[Such semi-annual return shall be accompanied by the amount due the Grand Lodge: the same being 25 cents for each unsuspended Member on said return.—Adopted 1870.]

Clause 3.—It shall also be the duty of the Officers for the Term ending on the 30th June in every year, to forward to the Grand Lodge a Return of the Relief granted during the year ending as above, with such other particulars as may be contained in such blank form of Annual Return, as may from time to time be prescribed by the Grand Lodge.

Clause 4.—A fine of ten shillings shall be payable by this Lodge for every month that may elapse after the close of any Semi-Annual Term previous to the Returns required by this Section being placed in possession of the Grand Lodge.

[A fine of two dollars shall be payable by this Lodge every month that may elapse after the close of any Semi-Annu term previous to the Returns required by Clause 8 being placed in th possession of the Grand Lodge.—Adopted 1870.]

Clause 5.—Should this Lodge or the Officers thereof, fail to make the Returns required by the preceding Clauses, for twelve months, it shall thereby become liable to the forfeiture of its Charter ; and it shall be the duty of the last installed Officers to transmit or surrender to the Grand Master, on requisition from him to that effect, (or to such other Brother as may be appointed by the Grand Lodge or Grand Master, to receive the same,) the Charter, books, papers, furniture and funds of the Lodge.

ARTICLE V.

FUNDS.

SECTION II.—CONTRIBUTIONS.

Clause 1.—There shall be two regular Funds of this Lodge, to be known respectively as the Widows and Orphans' Fund and the General Benefit Fund ; and the Lodge may provide, by its By-Laws, for the institution of a Special Fund or Funds for any of the benevolent purposes contemplated by the Order : provided always that in the case of every such Special Fund, the receipts and disbursements on account thereof shall be kept altogether distinct from the Regular Funds hereby established.

Clause 2.—The Entrance Fee of this Lodge must be paid in every case previous to the admission of the Candidate, and shall not be less than One Pound Five Shillings.

[The Entrance Fee of this Lodge must be paid in every case previous to the admission of the Candidate, and shall not be less than Five Dollars.—Adopted 1870.]

Clause 3.—The Charges for Degrees shall not be at a less rate than Five Shillings for each of the five Degrees ; and all monies received on account of Degree Charges shall be applied to the General Benefit Fund.

[The Charges for Degrees shall not be at a less rate than One Dollar for each of the five Degrees ; and all monies received on account of Degree Charges shall be applied to the General Benefit Fund.—Adopted 1870.]

Clause 4.—The Contributions of each Member to the Regular Benefit Funds of this Lodge, shall be determined by the By-Laws, but shall not be at a less rate than Seven Shillings and Six Pence per Quarter ; one third of whatever may be the Quarterly Contribution to the Benefit Funds shall be placed to the credit of the Widows and Orphans' Fund, and the remaining two-thirds to the credit of the General Benefit Fund.

Amended so as to read, *one-fifth* of whatever may be the quarterly contribution to the Benefit Funds, shall be placed to the credit of the Widow and Orphans' Fund, and the remaining *four-fifths* to the credit of the General Benefit Fund.—1862.

[The contributions of each member to the regular Benefit Funds of this Lodge shall be determined by the By-Laws, but shall not be at less rate than One Dollar per Quarter. This Lodge shall place such portion of its general funds to the credit of the W. and O. Fund, as it may see fit, provided it be not less than one-fifth nor more than one-third, the remainder to be placed to the credit of the general benefit fund.—Adopted 1872.]

[The Contributions of each Member to the regular Benefit Funds of this Lodge shall be determined by the By-Laws, but shall not be at a less rate than One Dollar per Quarter. This Lodge shall place such portion of its Quarterly Dues to the credit of the W. and O. Fund as it may see fit, provided it be not less than one-fifth nor more than one-third, the remainder to be placed to the credit of the General Benefit Fund.—Adopted 1870.]

Clause 5.—The Lodge shall have the power of enacting such Fees for Visiting and Clearance Cards, (to be applied to the General Fund) and such Fines for neglect of duty, &c., (to be applied to the Widows and Orphans' Fund,) as may be determined by the By Laws.

SECTION II.—DISBURSEMENTS.

Clause 1.—Every member, qualified as required by the By-Laws, if rendered incapable of following his usual occupation, by sickness or other disability, not occasioned by immoral conduct on his part, shall be entitled to receive from the General Fund, such weekly Sick Benefit as may be fixed by the By-Laws; Provided always that such weekly Benefit shall in no case exceed three times the quarterly contribution required from each member to the General Benefit Fund, and that this Lodge shall not be held to pay such Benefit for any term of sickness shorter than one week, unless specially so provided by its By-Laws.

[Every member, qualified as required by the By laws, if rendered incapable of following his usual occupation, by sickness or disability not occasioned by immoral conduct on his part, shall be entitled to receive from the General Fund such weekly Sick Benefit as may be fixed by the By-Laws; and that this Lodge shall not be held to pay such benefit for any term of sickness shorter than one week, unless specially so provided by its By-Laws.—Adopted 1874].

Clause 2.—In case of the death of a Brother, qualified as required by the By-Laws, there shall be paid to his nearest of kin or other legal representative, from the General Fund, towards defraying the funeral expenses, such sum, not being less than Five Pounds, nor more than Twelve Pounds Ten Shillings, as may be fixed by the By-Laws of this Lodge.

[In case of the death of a Brother, qualified as required by the By-Laws, there shall be paid to his nearest of kin or other legal repre-

sentative, from the General Fund, towards defraying the funeral expenses, such sum, not being less than Twenty Dollars, nor more than Fifty Dollars, as may be fixed by the By-Laws of this Lodge.—Adopted 1870.]

Clause 3.—The Lodge may provide by its By-Laws for the payment of a Funeral Benefit to a duly qualified Brother, on the demise of his wife, to assist in defraying the expenses of her funeral: Provided such Funeral Benefit shall not exceed one-half of the amount payable by the Lodge for a Funeral Benefit under Clause 2 of this Section.

Clause 4.—The Lodge shall, by its By-Baws, make such provisions as shall seem meet for the relief of Brothers in a state of pecuniary distress; Provided that such relief shall be applied from no other than the General Fund, and shall in no case exceed the sum of Twelve Pounds Ten Shillings.

[The Lodge shall, by its By-Laws, make such provisions as as shall seem meet for the relief of Brothers in a state of pecuniary distress: Provided such relief be applied from no other than the General Funds, and shall in no case exceed the sum of Fifty Dollars.—Adopted 1870.]

Clause 5.—The Lodge shall make such disposition of the Widows and Orphans' Fund, for the relief and benefit of the Widows and Orphans of deceased Brothers of this Lodge, by annuity or otherwise, as it shall see fit; Provided always that no annuity shall exceed the amount that would be contributed by any one member, to such Widows and Orphans' Fund within the space of twenty years, under the By-Laws of the Lodge; and that, if relief be otherwise given, the amount shall in no case exceed four times the limit thus fixed for annuities.

[The Lodge shall make such disposition of the Widows and Orphans' Fund, for the relief and benefit of the Widows and Orphans of deceased Brothers of this Lodge, by annuity or otherwise, as it shall see fit; Provided always that no annuity shall exceed the amount that would be contributed, by any one member, to such Widows and Orphans' Fund, within the space of twenty-five years, under the By-Laws of the Lodge; and that, if relief be otherwise given, the amount shall in no case exceed four times the limit thus fixed for annuities.—Adopted 1870.]

[The Lodge shall make such disposition of the Widows and Orphan's Fund, for the relief and benefit of the Widows and Orphans of deceased Brothers of this Lodge, by annuity or otherwise, as it shall see fit.—Adopted 1874.]

ARTICLE VI.

PENALTIES AND TRIAL.

SECTION I.—PENALTIES.

Clause 1.—Any Brother who shall violate any of the principles of the Order, or infringe the Constitution or By-Laws, of this Lodge shall be subject to be fined, reprimanded, suspended or expelled, as the By-Laws may direct, ancient usage require or the Lodge determine.

Clause 2.—Every Brother charged with any offence involving reprimand, suspension or expulsion, (unless for non-payment of dues,) shall be entitled to a fair trial, in accordance with the provisions of Section II. of this Article.

[Every Brother charged with any offence involving reprimand, suspension or expulsion, (unless for non-payment of dues,) shall be entitled to a fair trial, in accordance with the provisions of Clause 2, of Sec. II., of this Article.—Adopted 1870.]

Clause 3.—When any Brother, suspended for an indefinite period, for any other cause than non-payment of dues, desires to be re-instated, his case shall be referred to a Committee of five Brothers, who, after due investigation, shall report at the next regular meeting; and if a majority of the members then present shall vote in his favor, he shall thereupon be declared eligible for re-instatement.

[When any Brother, suspended for a definite period, desires to be reinstated, his case may be referred to a Committee of five Brothers, who, after due investigation, shall report at the next regular meeting; and if a majority of the members then present shall vote in his favor, he shall thereupon be declared eligible for re-instatement.—Adopted 1874.]

Clause 4.—No Brother shall be re-instated, until he shall have paid all arrearages against him at the time of his suspension, and all dues that may have accrued since then.

The above was struck out entirely in 1874.

Clause 5 to become Clause 4, and the rest of the Clauses re-numbered.—Adopted 1874.

Clause 5.—Notice of every suspension, expulsion, or re instatement, shall forthwith be transmitted to every Subordinate Lodge within this Province.

[At the end of every month, the Recording Secretary shall fill out and forward to the Grand Secretary, a list containing the names of members reinstated during the month, also of those who have ceased membership for non-payment of dues, and the names of members suspended and expelled during the same time, in each case giving date and cause of suspension and expulsion.—Adopted 1873.]

Clause 6.—No Brother who has been legally expelled shall be again admitted to Membership, until after the same procedure as is prescribed by Clause 3 of this Section, and the obtaining of the consent of the Grand Lodge.

[No Brother who has been legally expelled, or who has ceased to be a member for non-payment of dues, except members of defunct Lodges shall be again admitted to membership in any Lodge of this Order without the consent of the Lodge from which he was expelled or dropped, and in no case shall he be re-admitted without compliance with all the forms for new applicants, except the ceremony of initiation.—Adopted 1870.]

SECTION II.—TRIALS

Clause 1.—No Member of this Lodge shall be put on trial, unless charges duly specifying his alleged offense shall first be submitted to the Lodge in writing, by one or more Brothers of the Order in good standing.

Clause 2.—Any charge or charges, so preferred, shall be referred to a Committee of five Members, of whom three shall be a quorum, to be chosen by ballot; which Committee shall, with as little delay as the case will admit, summon the parties, and examine and determine the matter in question.

[Any charge or charges so preferred, shall be referred to a Committee of five Members, of whom three shall be a quorum, to be chosen by ballot; which Committee shall, with as little delay as the case will admit, furnish the accused with a copy of the charge or charges, summon the parties, and examine and determine the matter in question. In selecting this Committee, only one name shall be written upon any ballot.—Adopted 1870.]

Clause 3.—Should the decision of the Committee not involve the suspension or expulsion of a Member, and should no appeal be made therefrom, it shall be final, without further action from the Lodge.

Clause 4.—Should the Committee be convinced of the necessity of suspending or expelling a Member, a motion to that effect shall be submitted to the Lodge by three of their number, in their name.

[Should the Committee be convinced of the necessity of suspending or expelling a member, a motion to that effect shall be submitted to the Lodge by three or more of their number, in their name.—Adopted 1874.]

Clause 5.—Any motion for the suspension or expulsion of a Member shall be announced at the two regular meetings previous to that on which it is to be decided, which last meeting the Brother under charges shall be summoned to attend; and at the time so appointed, whether the implicated Brother be present or not, the Lodge may proceed to consider and determine the question.

Clause 6.—The Lodge shall have the power, at the meeting appointed for the decision, to vary the penalty to one less severe than that contained in the motion submitted by the Committee.

[The Lodge shall have the power at the meeting appointed for the decision, to vary the penalty to one more or less severe than that contained in the motion submitted by the Committee.—Adopted 1874,]

SECTION III.—APPEALS.

Clause 1.—Any party interested shall have the right of appeal to the Lodge, from the decision of a Committee, given under Clause 3 of the preceding section; and notice of the meeting appointed for trying the appeal, shall be given at least one regular meeting previous.

Clause 2.—On the evening appointed, the Committee shall present to the Lodge, in writing, the grounds on which their decision was founded, and the parties interested shall have the privilege of being heard before the Lodge; and the decision shall then be confirmed, annulled, or modified, as a majority of the members present shall determine.

Clause 3.—Any party interested may appeal to the Grand Lodge of Canada West on the ground of informality or want of fairness; and if such informality or want of fairness be proved—but not otherwise—the Lodge may be ordered by the Grand Lodge to hold a new trial on the same charges, in the mode provided for in the preceding section.

[Any party interested may appeal to the Grand Lodge of Ontario, on the ground of informality or want of fairness; and if such informality or want of fairness be proved—but not otherwise—the Lodge may be ordered by the Grand Lodge to hold a new trial on the same charges, in the mode provided for in Clauses 1 to 6, of Sec. II., of this Article.—Adopted 1870.]

[Any party interested may appeal to the Grand Lodge of Ontario, on the ground of informality or want of fairness; and if such informality or want of fairness be proved, but not otherwise, the Lodge may be ordered by the Grand Lodge to hold a new trial on the same charges, in the mode provided for in Clauses 7 to 12 of this Article; Provided always that such appeal be forwarded to the R. W. Grand Secretary within three months from the date of the final action of the Lodge in the matter to be appealed against.—Adopted 1874.]

ARTICLE VII.

REGALIA AND JEWELS.

SECTION I.—REGALIA.

Clause 1.—The Regalia of Members belonging to this Lodge shall be as follows:—For the Initiatory Degree, a plain white apron; for the higher Degrees, white aprons and collars trimmed with the emblematic color of each Degree—*i. e.*, first, white; second, pink; third, blue; fourth, green; fifth, scarlet; rosettes of the appropriate colors may be worn on the collars.

[The regalia of the Order shall be as follows, to wit: Collars of Subordinate Lodges shall be white, trimmed with the emblematic color of the degree intended to be represented, namely.—First degree, white; second degree, pink; third degree, blue; fourth degree, green; fifth degree, scarlet; rosettes of the appropriate colors may be worn on the collars. Among those who may have attained the Royal Purple Degree, rosettes composed of black, yellow and purple, may be worn on the collar either in connection with the other colors or as a separate rosette, The Noble Grand shall wear a scarlet collar; Vice Grand, blue collar; Secretary, Green collar; Treasurer, green collar, each of them trimmed with white or silver. Supporters of the

Noble Grand, scarlet sashes; of the Vice Grand, blue sashes; Warden and Conductor, black sashes; scene Supporters, white sashes· Chaplain, white sash; Outside Guardian, red sash; Inside Guardian, blue sash.—Adopted 1870.]

Clause 2.—The Officers' Regalia shall be as follows:—For Degree Master, Past Grand's Regalia; Noble Grand, scarlet collar; Vice Grand blue collar; Secretary, Financial Secretary, and Treasurer, green collar; Physician, Pink collar; Chaplain, White collar; (each of them trimmed with white or silver:) for Warden and Conductor, black sashes; O. G. and Supporters of N. G. Scarlet sashes; I. G. and Supporters of V. G. blue sashes; and Scene Supporters, White sashes: aprons of all Officers to be white, edged with the color of the collar or sash indicated for the office, and those of the Elective Officers and Chaplain may also be trimmed with white or silver; the caps and robes of Officers to correspond in color with the collar or sash of their office.

Clause 3.—All Officers shall wear the Regalia of their respective offices while present in the Lodge, and all members must appear in the Regalia of the highest Degree they have received.

Clause 4—The Regalia of P. G. shall be a scarlet collar or sash, either white edged with scarlet or scarlet edged with white; such collar or sash may be trimmed with silver lace or fringe, or where the Brother has attained the R. P. Degree, with yellow metal.

SECTION II.—FUNERAL REGALIA.

Clause 1.—All Members of this Lodge, when attending, as such, the Funeral of a deceased Brother, shall wear on the left breast a black crape rosette, having a centre of the color of the highest Degree to which they may have attained, with a sprig of evergreen above, and, below, any jewel they may be entitled to wear.

[Funeral Regalia consists of a black crape rosette, having a centre of the color of the highest Degree to which the wearer has attained, to be worn on the left breast, with a sprig of evergreen above. and such jewel or jewels as the Brother may be entitled to wear, suspended below. Grand Lodges may at their discretion, permit the ordinary Regalia to be worn at funerals, either in connection with, or as a substitute for this simple regalia.—Adopted 1870.]

Clause 2.—The ordinary mourning badge, to be worn in memory of a deceased Brother for one month after his funeral, shall be a strip of black crape or silk, passed through two button holes of the left lappel of coat.

[The ordinary mourning badge to be worn by Brothers in memory of a deceased Brother, is a strip of black crape passed through one button hole of the left lappel of the coat tied with a narrow ribbon of the color of the highest degree the wearer has attained.—Adopted 1870.]

[Past Officers and Members of the Encampment Degrees, and all other Members of the Order, WHEN VISITING Grand or Subordinate Lodges or Encampments, are entitled to wear the Regalia and Jewels pertaining to the highest Degree they have taken. (See By-Laws G. L. U. S., Art. 24, and amended By-law 22.G. L. U. S., passed 1872. See also Clause 63. Constitution of this G. L.)—Adopted 1870.]

[The Encampment Regalia (EXCEPT BY VISITORS) can only be worn in an Encampment; but members of a Grand Lodge who have received the Royal Purple Degree may wear *colors* of the Encampment in a Grand Lodge.—Adopted 1870.]

SECTION III.—JEWELS.

Clause 1.—The Jewels of the Officers of this Lodge shall be as follows:—For D. M., a five-pointed open star, with breastplate in centre; for N. G., crossed gavils; for V. G., hour glass; for Secretary, crossed pens; for Financial Secretary, pen and key crossed; for Treasurer, crossed keys; for Warden, crossed axes; for Conductor, crossed staves; for Guardians crossed swords; the whole to be of white metal.

Clause 2.—Past Elective Officers shall be entitled to wear the Jewels of the offices they have passed respectively, together with the regalia appertaining to the same, except P. G's., whose Jewel shall be a five-pointed open star with crossed gavils in centre—to be of yellow metal, when the P. G. has attained the R. P. Degree, otherwise of white metal.

[The Jewel of a P. G. is a five-pointed star, of Noble Grand Grand, crossed gavils; of Vice Grand, hour glass; of Secretary, crossed pens; of Treasurer, crossed keys; of Warden, crossed wands; of Conductor, crossed axes; of Guardian, crossed swords; all to be of white metal.—Adopted 1870.]

ARTICLE VIII.

BY-LAWS, ETC.

SECTION I.—BY-LAWS.

Clause 1.—This Lodge shall stand fully invested with power to adopt, from time to time, such By-laws and resolutions as may be deemed expedient; Provided they do not in any wise contravene any part of this Constitution, of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge of C. W.,* or the principles or custom of the Order.

Clause 2.—All such By-Laws shall be immediately forwarded in duplicate to the Grand Secretary, authenticated by the Seal of the Lodge, and the signature of its N. G. and Secretary; one copy to be retained by the Grand Lodge, and the other to be returned to the Lodge, certified as approved, or otherwise, as the case may be.

* This was changed to "Province of Ontario," 1868.

SECTION II.—DISPENSATIONS.

Clause 1.—The Grand Lodge, or, in its recess, the Grand Master, shall have power to grant Dispensations to any Lodge, to exempt it, in any particular case from the operation of any of the foregoing Regulations, other than financial, whenever the said Grand Lodge or Grand Master may deem it for the welfare and interest of the Order so to do.

Clause 2.—Such charge shall be made for Dispensations issued under this Section, as the Grand Lodge may from time to time direct.

SECTION III.—AMENDMENTS.

This Constitution, or any part thereof, shall not be altered, amended, suspended or annulled, unless by action of the Grand Lodge of Canada West.*

RULES OF ORDER.

Rule I.—As soon as the Presiding Officer shall have taken the Chair, the Officers and Brothers present shall take their respective stations, and the Lodge shall then be opened in ancient form.

Rule II.—The order of Procedure, after opening, shall be as follows:—

1.—The calling of the Roll of Officers.

2.—The consideration of any excuses which may be offered by Absentees from previous meetings.

3.—The reading by the Secretary of the Minutes of the last Lodge night: the consideration of any objections which may be made to any part thereof, and their approval, with or without amendment, as the case may require.

4.—The receiving and consideration of any Reports from the Visiting Committee, or from other Brothers who may have to report the fact of any Brother being sick or in distress.

5.—The Nomination or Election of Officers on the evenings designated for such Nomination or Election.

6.—The receiving and consideration of Reports of Committees on Character, and balloting thereon.

7.—The Initiation of Candidates for Membership.

8.—The receiving of Propositions for Membership, and their reference to Committees on Character.

9. The receiving and consideration of any Reports of Officers or Standing Committees, which may require to be made in pursuance of the By-Laws.

* This was changed to Province of Ontario at Session of 1873.

10.—The receiving and consideration of any Reports of Special Committees, in the order of their seniority.

11.—The reading and consideration of Accounts and other Communications in the hands of the Secretary.

12.—Good and Welfare: being *first*, Unfinished business, in order of priority at former Meetings; and, *secondly*, New Business.

13.—The closing of the Lodge.

Rule III.—Any Member offering a motion must do so in writing, if a request to that effect be made by the Secretary, the Presiding Officer, or the Lodge.

Rule IV.—No question shall be put by the Presiding Officer, unless regularly moved and seconded; nor be open for consideration until so put, and, when put, no other motion shall be receivable, unless it be a motion—

1.—To adjourn;

2.—To lay on the table;

3.—To put the previous question

4.—To postpone;

5.—To refer; or

6.—To amend.

These several motions, if made, shall have precedence in the order above stated, and the first, second and third thereof, shall be decided without debate.

Rule V.—The Previous Question shall be put from the Chair. only after it shall have been ascertained that the call therefor is sustained by a majority of the Members of the Lodge present, and shall then always be put in the words following:—"*Shall the question be now put?*" which words shall be understood to have reference to whatever question may be pending, immediately before such call for the previous question may have been so made.

Rule VI.—If the vote of the Lodge, taken pursuant to such call for the previous question, be in the affirmative, the Presiding Officer shall thereupon forthwith put to vote the question so pending, immediately before such call, and shall allow no amendment or further debate thereon; and if, on the other hand, the vote of the Lodge be in the negative, the Presiding Officer shall be thereby precluded from putting to vote, during the remainder of the current term, the question so pending as aforesaid.

Rule VII.—Any member may require the division of a question, when the sense will admit of it.

Rule VIII.—When a blank is to be filled, the question shall first be taken on the highest sum or number, and longest or latest time, proposed.

Rule IX.—The Ayes and Nays shall be taken and recorded, on the call of any member, duly seconded.

Rule X.—After any question, except that of indefinite postponement or the previous question, may have been decided, any two members, having voted in the majority, may at the same or next regular meeting, move for a re-consideration thereof; but no discussion of the main question shall be allowed upon such motion.

Rule XI.—Any question decided by the Lodge shall not again be brought before it, otherwise than by re-consideration, as provided in the foregoing Rule, unless notice thereof shall have been given at the meeting immediately preceding; and such notice shall not be received during the term in which the question has been decided.

Rule XII.—Every Member shall have the privilege of speaking twice on any question, but not oftener, unless by permission of the Presiding Officer.

Rule XIII.—Any Brother intending to speak on a question, shall rise in his place and respectfully address the Presiding Officer, confining himself to the question, and avoiding personalities; and should more than one Brother rise to speak at the same time, the Presiding Officer shall determine which is entitled to the floor.

Rule XIV.—The Presiding Officer or any Member, may call a Brother to order while speaking; and, in such case, the debate shall be forthwith suspended, and the Brother so called to order shall not proceed, until the point of order thus raised be determined, nor speak upon such point of order, unless it be to make necessary explanation, or appeal from the decision of the Chair.

Rule XV.—In all cases where a Member may appeal from any decision of the Chair, he shall use the words following, and none other, unless it be for necessary explanation:—"M. M., *I respectfully appeal from the decision of the Chair to the Lodge;*" and the Lodge shall, after such explanation from the Presiding Officer, as he may deem necessary, proceed forthwith to consider and vote upon the question:—"*Will the Lodge sustain the decision of the Chair?*"

Rule XVI.—Any Brother who may have been called to order for manifestation of temper, or improper feeling, must apologize to the Lodge or to any aggrieved party, if required so to do by the Presiding Officer; and shall not speak again on the pending question, except to explain or apologize, unless specially permitted so to do by the Presiding Officer.

Rule XVII.—The Presiding Officer, or the Lodge, may, at any time, require all members present to vote upon any pending question, or may excuse any Member or Members from so doing.

Rule XVIII.—Brothers, not Members of this Lodge, may address

the Lodge, on receiving permission to that effect from the Presiding Officer.

Rule XIX.—No Brother shall retire, while the Lodge is open, without the permission of the Presiding Officer.

Rule XX.—A motion to suspend or alter the Order of Procedure, as contained in Rule II., for the remainder of a meeting, may, at any time, be carried by a unanimous vote, or, if as many as seven Members call upon the Lodge to sustain it, by a vote of not less than two-thirds of the Members present and voting thereon; but no motion to suspend or alter such Order of Procedure for a longer term, shall at any time be put to vote.

Rule XXI.—These Rules, or any part thereof, shall only be altered, amended, suspended, or annulled, (except in the case provided for by Rule XX.) by action of the Grand Lodge of Canada West.*

CONSTITUTION AND GENERAL REGULATIONS FOR THE FORMATION AND GOVERNMENT OF DEGREE LODGES.

1. Whenever it may appear to the brethren of any Lodge or Lodges in any District under the jurisdiction of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, that it would be consistent with the interests of the Order to establish a Degree Lodge in such District, it shall be proper for them to authorize ten brothers of the Scarlet Degree to make a written application to this Grand Lodge to that effect.

2. Such application shall be signed by the full number of the brethren so authorized; and shall be accompanied by the Charter Fee, $5; by a certificate from the D. D. G. M., that the petitioners are properly qualified, and by a certificate over the seal of the Lodge or Lodges with which they are connected, that they are members in good standing, and that they have been duly authorized by their Lodge or Lodges to apply for such Charter.

3. On receipt of a formal application for a Charter as above required, the Grand Master may issue a Warrant for the immediate establishment of a Degree Lodge.

4. As soon as the necessary authority shall have been obtained from the Gnand Master, the brethren petitioning shall summon all Scarlet Degree members in good standing in their Lodge or Lodges and proceed to the election of officers; after which the D. D. G. M.

* This was changed to Province of Ontario at Session of 1868.

shall duly institute the Degree Lodge and install the officers elect' after the manner and form prescribed for the same.

5. A Degree Lodge shall be composed of members in good standing in the Order of the Scarlet Degree, resident within the jurisdiction of the Degree Lodge, and all business (except that of conferring the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Degrees of this Order), shall be transacted when open in the Scarlet Degree.

6. The Elective Officers of a Degree Lodge shall be a Degree Mas-Master, Deputy Degree Master, 1st Assistant Deputy Degree Master, 2nd Assistant Deputy Degree Master, Secretary and Treasurer, who shall be elected semi-annually by a majority of the votes polled for that purpose.

7. Nominations for Elective Officers shall be made upon the last two meetings in the months of June and December in each year.

8. Elections for the Elective Officers shall be held upon the last regular meetings in the months of June and December in each year, and the installation of Officers shall take place on the first regular meetings in the months of July and January in each year.

9. The Appointed Officers shall be a Warden, Conductor, and Outside and Inside Guardians, to be appointed be the Degree Master, upon the night of his installation.

10. No brother shall be eligible for the office of Degree Master who has not received the Past Official Degree of the Order, and who is not a P. G. in good standing in some Subordinate Lodge of this Order in Ontario.

11. No brother shall be eligible for the office of Deputy Degree Master, who is not a Past Grand in good standing in some Subordinate Lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Ontario.

12. Five members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and the Degree Lodge shall have the power to suspend or expel a member when his conduct shall render it necessary, such suspension or expulsion to be decided upon in accordance with the usages of the Order in Ontario.

13. Loss of good standing, or suspension or expulsion from membership in a Subordinate Lodge, shall at once similiarly effect the member's standing in the Degree Lodge, and reinstatement in the Subordinate shall work reinstatement in the Degree Lodge.

14. The Degree Master shall preside, and shall have power to convene special meetings, and perform such other duties as are prescribed by the official obligations, and the usages of the Order.

15. The Deputy Degree Master shall occupy the usual position of V. G.; assist the Degree Master in the discharge of his duties, and in his absence shall preside.

16. The 1st A. D. D. Master, 2nd A. D. D. Master, Treasurer, Warden, Conductor, Inside Guardian and Outside Guardian, shall perform the duties assigned to them at their installation, and by the usages of the Order.

17. The Secretary shall keep accurate minutes of the transactions of the Degree Lodge, he shall conduct all correspondence, and report promptly to their respective Lodges, the names of brothers upon whom Degrees are conferred, and also the date and the names, or numbers of the Degrees conferred. He shall make out for the Grand Lodge, at the first regular meeting in each term, a Report of the Officers for the current term, and the numbers of each Degree conferred, and also of the funds of the Degree Lodge, particularizing the sources whence such funds have been derived. He shall enter in a separate book or record, the name or every brother receiving Degrees, together with the name of his Lodge, and date of receiving the said Degrees, and perform such other duties as are prescribed by his charge of office, and the laws and usages of the Order.

18. The application of a brother for any Degree, with the fee for the same, must be received by his Subordinate Lodge, in which Lodge he shall be balloted for by the members of the Degree for which he applies, when opened in that Degree. If he be not opposed by more than three black balls, he shall be deemed eligible, and a certificate to that effect shall be granted him, which certificate, on being presented to the Degree Lodge, shall be its authority for conferring the Degree or Degrees applied for.

19.—A Degree Lodge may, with the consent of two-thirds of the members of the Subordinate Lodge or Lodges connected with it, present and voting at a regular meeting of such Subordinate Lodge or Lodges, charge its members an entrance fee and stated dues. Should no fees or dues be charged, the expenses of the Degree Lodge shall be borne by the Subordinate Lodge or Lodges to which the Degree members belong.

20. A Subordinate Lodge may provide by its By-Laws for the payment to the Degree Lodge of a part or the whole of the regular charge for the Degrees, in which case the Degree Lodge shall pay to this Grand Lodge 8 per cent. of the amount so received.

21. Any Degree Lodge failing to comply with Clause 17 of these Laws, shall pay to this Grand Lodge a fine of two dollars for every month that may elapse before its semi-annual return shall be placed in the possession of this Grand Lodge.

22. Any Degree Lodge failing to make a Return as above, for twelve months, shall become liable to a forfeiture of its Charter, which may be recalled by the Grand Master or this Grand Lodge, and any

Degree Lodge failing to meet for three months shall become extinct, and it shall become the duty of the Officers last installed, to transmit to this Grand Lodge the Charter, Books, Funds and other property of said Degree Lodge.

23. Any Degree Lodge shall have power to adopt necessary rules and regulations for its government, conformable to this constitution, and to the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, and the laws and usages of this Order.

24. All prior decisions and regulations of this Grand Lodge, in conflict with the foregoing Constitution, are hereby repealed.

Rules of Procedure on Trials.

Resolved,—That a short and concise form of Charge and Appeal be prepared by the R. W. Grand Secretary, and printed with the proceedings of the Grand Lodge.

(Report of Committee on Legislation, Jour. 1874.)

1st.—All charges against members of this Order shall be drawn substantially in the manner prescribed in "Form A." and be submitted direct to the Lodge of which the accused is a member, in duplicate, signed by a member of the Order in good standing. The general charge shall be an averment of "Conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow," followed by specification or specifications, stating the time, place and circumstances of the offence or offences.

2nd.—The Lodge shall, immediately after the reading of the charge choose by ballot a Committee of five, as near as possible from among the peers of the accused, three of whom shall be a quorum, to whom the charge shall be referred. In selecting this Committee only one name shall be written upon any ballot, and the first elected shall be the convener thereof.

3rd.—The accused or accuser, or any member of the Lodge acting for either of them, may challenge, for cause, any name appearing on a ballot. The grounds of challenge shall be stated, and considered by the Lodge, and a majority vote shall be necessary to sustain the objection made.

4th.—The Secretary shall affix the Seal of the Lodge to one copy of the charge and specifications, and certify it substantially according to "Form B.," and serve or cause the same to be served upon the accused, either personally or by leaving it at his usual place of residence. The Secretary shall also certify under Seal the duplicate charge, and deliver it to the Convener of the Committee, with the notice, according to "Form C.," of these rules.

5th.—The accused shall within one week from the receipt by him of the charge and specifications, serve his plea or answer to the same upon the Convener of the Committee, by either or several of the answers shown in "Form E."

6th.—The Convener of the Committee shall, on the receipt of the pleas in defence, or at the expiration of the time limited therefor, with reasonable diligence, call a meeting of the Committee, to attend which the accuser and accused shall be served with personal notice if they can be found, or by leaving the same at their usual place of residence, according to "Form D.," at least one week prior to the time fixed for trial.

7th.—At the meeting a Chairman and Secretary shall be appointed, and the trial proceed by examination of the parties and witnesses on

their behalf. Either party may amend their proceedings, by leave o the Committee.

8th.—The report of the Committee shall state their finding on each specification of the charge, according to "Form F.," and shall be accompanied by an accurate record of their proceedings, rulings and decisions, together with the original evidence taken during the trial, which shall be submitted to the Lodge within a reasonable time after the case has been submitted to them. Should there be a minority report, it may be presented in a similar manner at the same time. The minutes of the Committee should show—

I. The date and place of each meeting, and the parties present.

II. The exceptions taken by either party, and the decisions thereon.

III. Parol evidence in full, subscribed by the witnesses.

IV. All documentary evidence marked as exhibits.

9th. The finding of the committee shall be entered in the Lodge minutes by the Secretary, who shall forthwith notify both parties that the report has been submitted, and all parties shall be entitled to make a copy thereof.

10th.—The Lodge shall take up the report for consideration at the regular meeting to be held two weeks after it has been submitted, and may amend, affirm, or reverse the finding of the Committee upon any one or all of the allegations in the charge or their ruling thereon.

11th.—The final decision of the Lodge shall be notified to both parties by the Secretary, immediately.

12th.—Either party may appeal from the decision of the Lodge to the Grand Lodge, within three months from the action of the Lodge thereon. The Lodge shall transmit to the Grand Secretary a copy of all the proceedings, regularly certified, upon receiving the costs and charges of copying and mailing the same.

Section II.

EVIDENCE AND WITNESSES.

1.—The evidence competent to be admitted before the Committee of trial shall be—

a. Parol evidence (*i. e.*, testimony of living witnesses before the Committee.)

b. Depositions, procured in the manner prescribed by the Grand Lodge of the United States.

c. Regularly certified minutes of Lodge.

d. Regularly proved documentary evidence. Hearsay evidence cannot be received. The Committee will determine the admissibility of evidence offered, subject to exception by either party. The exceptions so taken shall be noted by the Committee upon its minutes.

2.—Members of the Order shall testify under their obligations as Odd Fellows, according to "Form G.," to be administered by the Chairman of the Committee

3.—Depositions of absent witnesses shall be procured by interrogatories and cross-interrogatories in the form prescribed by the Grand Lodge of the United States, subject to objection by either party to be determined by the Committee.

4.—The attendance of witnesses must be procured by the party desiring to call them.

FORM A.

CHARGE AND SPECIFICATIONS.

To.....Lodge No.....I. O. O. F.:

The undersigned, a member in good standing of.....Lodge No.....does hereby charge Bro. A. B., of.....Lodge No.....with conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow, the grounds of such charge being more fully set forth in the following specifications, to wit:

1st.—For that he, the said A. B., did on the.....day of .....18.....at the.....(*Specify the offence and circumstances, and continue with further specifications. Each separate thing in violation of law to be under a separate place in the charge.*)

Contrary to the law and usages of the Order.

Date.....(Signed) B. B.

FORM B.

NOTICE OF CHARGE TO THE ACCUSED.

(Date).....18 .

Bro.....I herewith enclose a copy of charge and specifications preferred against you by.....of ..... The same was referred to a Committee consisting of.....(*give names*)..... You are required to file your answer to the charge and specifications, according to the form prescribed, within one week from the service of this notice, with the first named member of the Committee, who will notify you of the time and place of trial.

Fraternally,

.....Sec'y.

(Seal.)

FORM C.

NOTICE TO CONVENER OF COMMITTEE.

(Date).....18

To Bro.....

I enclose you a charge preferred by .....against .....which charge was referred to..... (*give names*)..... for trial, of which Committee you are Convener. The accused was served with a copy of the charge on the day of , and notified to file his answer thereto with you within one week, when you will cause the Committee to meet and proceed with the trial.

Fraternally,

.....Sec'y.

FORM D.

NOTICE TO ACCUSER OR ACCUSED.

(Date).....18

To..... A. B. or C. D. (as the case may be, one to each party.)

The Committee on trial of the charge and specification made by .... against..... ..... will meet at ....on the. . .....day of..... . . at.....o'clock p. m., to hear and determine the same. You are required to attend with your witnesses, and (*prosecute or defend the same, as the case may be.*)

I am, yours Fraternally,

.....

Convener of Committee.

FORM E.

PLEAS IN DEFENCE.

I, A. B., mentioned in the charge and specification preferred by B. B. on the.....day of.....say :

1st.—That the offence in the charge mentioned is not within the legal jurisdiction of the Lodge.

2nd.—That I am not guilty.

3rd.—Guilty.

4th.—I admit the fact stated, but will justify the alleged offence.

5th.—The complaint is frivolous.

A. B.

FORM F.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TRIAL.

To.....Lodge No.....I. O. O. F. (Date) 18

The undersigned, (the majority of the) Committee appointed to investigate the charge and specifications preferred by..... against.....respectfuly report as follows : (*State the finding of each specification.*) The minutes of the Committee, evidence taken, and papers pertaining to the trial are submitted herewith.

(Signed by Committee.)

FORM G.

DECLARATION OF WITNESS.

You sincerely declare upon your honor as an Odd Fellow, that the evidence you shall give in the matter of..... .....against .....now pending, shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing bnt the truth. Thus you declare.

APPENDIX.

APPENDIX.

LIST OF LODGES, WITH THE JURISDICTION UNDER WHICH THEY WERE SEVERALLY INSTITUTED, AND THEIR PRESENT CONDITION.

UNDER G. L. U. S.

No	Name.	Location.	Date of Institution	Condition.
1	Prince of Wales	Montreal, C. E.	August 10, 1843	Ceased March, 1853.
2	Queen's	Montreal, C. E.	December 4, 1843	Ceased March, 1853.
3	Prince Albert...	St. John, C. E.	February 15, 1844 ..	Ceased in 1852.

UNDER G. L. OF CANADA.

4	Albion	Quebec, C. E....	November 20, 1844...	Ceased July, 1857.
5	Commercial	Montreal, C. E.	December 5, 1844 ...	Ceased March, 1853.
6	Victoria.....	Belleville, C. W.	June 17, 1845	Ceased July, 1853.
7	Oriental.....	Stanstead, C. E.	July 29, 1845.....	Ceased in 1851.
8	Canada	Montreal, C. E.	March 13, 1846.....	Ceased Jan. 1849.
9	Brock.....	Brockville, C.W.	March 5, 1846	Still Working.
10	Cataraqui	Kingston, C. W.	March 7, 1846	Ceased in 1850, resuscitated, Aug. 7, 1875.
11	Prince Edward..	Picton, C. W. ..	March 9, 1846	Ceased Dec. 1851
12	Ontario	Cobourg, C. W...	March 10, 1846.....	Ceased June, 1861.
13	Otonabee	Peterboro', C.W.	March 11, 1846..	Ceased in 1850.
14	Hope	Port Hope, C.W.	March 12, 1846.....	Ceased April, 1849.
15	Tecumseh	Toronto, C. W.	March 14, 1846.....	Ceased Oct. 1849.
16	Union.....	St. Catharines..	March 16, 1846.....	Still Working.
17	Burlington	Hamilton, C. W.	March 19, 1846.....	Ceased July, 1848.
18	St. Francis	Cornwall, C. W.	April 2, 1846	Ceased Nov. 1851
19	Mercantile	Quebec, C. E ..	April 7, 1846.....	Ceased Feb. 1853.
20	Ottawa	Bytown, C. W..	August 2, 1846.....	Ceased in 1853.

UNDER G. L. OF B. N. A.

21	Home.....	Toronto, C. W.	March 18, 1847.....	Ceased March 7, 1849
22	Phœnix	Oshawa, C. W.	March 29, 1847.....	Ceased April, 1849
23	Wellington	Wellington, C.W	December 28, 1847...	Ceased July, 1851.
24	Beaver	Lloydtown, C.W.	March 1, 1848	Ceased 1849.
25	Oxford	Woodstock, C.W.	May, 1849.....	Ceased 1849-50
25	Industry	Haldimand, C.W	June 13, 1850	Ceased May 3, 1859
26	Acadia	Halifax, N. S...	January 18, 1851....	Ceased in 1867
27	Victoria.....	Caledonia, C. W.	June 8, 1852.....	Ceased Feb. 1856

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28	Rose	Amherstburg ...	January 26, 1854.....	Ceased '58, Res. May [6, '75
29	Chatham	Chatham, C. W.	January 25, 1854....	Still Working
30	Eureka	London, C. W...	February 2, 1854.....	Still Working.
31	Morpeth	Morpeth, C. W.	January 26, 1854....	Ceased in 1857
32	Elgin	St. Thomas, C.W.	May 5, 1854,.....	Ceased '62, Res. June [20, '78
33	Erie	Port Burwell ..	October 6, 1854	Working.
34	Gore	Brantford, C. W	December 27, 1854..	Still Working
34	Eastern Star ...	Pictou, N. S	..... 1854..	Still " No. 2, L.P
35	Cobequid	Truro, N. S.....	.....1854..	Ceased '56. [B.NA.

UNDER G. L. OF CANADA WEST AND ONTARIO*.

No	Name.	Location.	Date of Institution
35	Samaritan	Ingersoll	Jan. 13, 1856
36	St. Marys	St. Marys	Nov 6, 1856
37	Imperial††	Burford	Jan. 9, 1857
38	Forest City	London	Feb. 9, 1857
40	Rond Eau	Blenheim	Res. July 18, 1872
41	Avon	Stratford	Jan. 9, 1861
42	Long Point††	Simcoe	Oct. 29, 1861
43	Thames**	Mitchell	March 13, 1862
44	Excelsior	Hamilton	Jan. 9, 1863
45	Frontier	Windsor	Jan. 27, 1864
46	Mt. Zion	Newbury	Jan. 18, 1866
47	Unity	Hamilton	April 3, 1867
48	Dominion	London	Sept. 18, 1867
49	Canada	Toronto	Jan. 14, 1868
50	Otter	Tilsonburg	March 16, 1868
51	Bissell	Mitchell	Oct 15, 1868
52	Covenant	Toronto	Oct. 22, 1868
53	Niagara Falls	Clifton	April 20, 1869
54	Collingwood	Collingwood	Oct. 7, 1869
55	Fidelity	Seaforth	March 8, 1870
56	Queen City of Ontario	Toronto	March 10, 1870
57	Maple Leaf	Orangeville	March 24, 1870
58	Howard	Strathroy	March 17, 1870
59	Kingston	Kingston	April 14, 1870
60	Wardsville	Wardsville	April 26, 1870
61	Corinthian	Oshawa	May 5, 1870
62	Huron	Goderich	May 31, 1870
63	Barrie	Barrie	July 3[illegible], 1870
64	Victoria	Hamilton	Aug. 22, 1870
65	Friendship	Petrolia	Jan. 13, 1871
66	Florence Nightingale	Bowmanville	Jan. 25, 1871
67	Exeter	Exeter	Jan. 27, 1871
68	North Star	Stayner	March 3, 1871
69	Hope	Harrietsville	March 23, 1871
70	Lucan	Lucan	March 30, 1871
71	The Toronto	Toronto	May 8, 1871
72	Eastern Star	Whitby	May 11, 1871
73	Fergus	Fergus	May 31, 1871
74	Bothwell	Bothwell	June 23, 1871
75	Warriner	Port Perry	June 27, 1871
76	St. Thomas	St. Thomas	July 14, 1871
77	Oxford	Ingersoll	July 27, 1871
78	Durham	Port Hope	Aug. 18, 1871
79	Nipissing	Uxbridge	Oct. 12, 1871
80	Amity	Prescott	Oct. 12, 1871
81	Belleville	Belleville	Dec. 13, 1871
82	Beaver	Ruthven	Jan. 12, 1872
83	Clinton	Clinton	Jan. 16, 1872
84	Walkerton	Walkerton	Jan 17, 1872
85	Constellation	Burgessville	Jan. 22, 1872
86	Napanee	Napanee	Feb. 8, 1872
87	Empire	St. Catharines	March 13, 1872
88	Olive Branch	Woodstock	March 14, 1872
89	Reliance	Guelph	March 15, 1872
90	Ivy	Parkhill	April 24, 1872
91	Grand River	Paris	May 31, 1872
92	Milton	Milton	June 11, 1872
93	Western City	Chatham	June 13, 1872

* Changed to Ontario in 1868. ** Ceased working in 1865.
†† Ceased working in 1866.

No	Name.	Location.	Date of Institution
94	Aylmer	Aylmer	June 14, 1872
95	Port Stanley	Port Stanley	July 16, 1872
96	Nith	New Hamburg	July 30, 1872
97	Grand Union	Berlin	Aug. 2, 1872
98	Minto	Harriston	Aug. 3, 1872
99	Peabody*	Watford	Sept 11, 1872
100	Lindsay	Lindsay	Sept. 24, 1872
101	Golden Star	Brampton	Oct. 10, 1872
102	Dosoronto	Millpoint	Nov. 15, 1872
103	Cataract	Drummondville	Dec. 5, 1872
104	Crescent	Hamilton	Jan 31, 1873
105	Manilla	Manilla	Feb. 26, 1873
106	St. Clair	Point Edward	Feb. 27, 1873
107	Waterloo	Galt	March 10, 1873
108	Royal Oak	Forest	March 18, 1873
109	Orion	Georgetown	March 20, 1873
110	Laurel	Yorkville	May 5, 1873
111	Peterboro	Peterborough	May 13, 1873
112	Lucknow	Lucknow	May 9, 1873
113	Trenton†	Trenton	June 11, 1873
114	Gananoque	Gananoque	June 16, 1873
115	Harmony	Brantford	June 26, 1873
[illegible]	Naomi	Markham	July 1, 1873
[illegible]	Valley City	Dundas	July 10, 1873
[illegible]	Shannonville†	Shannonville	July 31, 1873
[illegible]	Wentland	Wingham	Aug 4, 1873
120	Sydenham Valley	Wallaceburg	Sept. 5, 1873
121	Saxon	Gilsa Craig	Sept. 17, 1873
122	Streetsville	Streetsville	Nov. 28, 1873
123	Palmerston	Palmerston	Jan. 1, 1874
124	Dresden	Dresden	Jan. 8, 1874
125	Stella	Carleton Place	Jan. 23, 1874
126	Sarnia	Sarnia	Jan. 26, 1874
127	Mizpah	Belleville	Feb. 6, 1874
128	Mystic	Killbride	Feb. 19, 1874
129	Charity†	Sunderland	March 3, 1874
130	Livingston	Thorold	March 3, 1874
131	Marion	Renfrew	March 5, 1874
132	Oakville	Oakville	March 9, 1874
133	Glencoe	Glencoe	March 11, 1874
134	Orient	Welland	March 25, 1874
135	Peaceful Dove	Cannington	March 27, 1874
136	Cobourg	Cobourg	March 30, 1874
137	St. Lawrence	Brockville	April 10, 1874
138	Ancaster	Ancaster	April 14, 1874
139	Garnet	Mount Forest	April 29, 1874
140	Leamington	Leaminton	May 7, 1874
141	Capitol†	Ottawa	May 13, 1874
142	Concord	Kingsville	May 25, 1874
143	Bay of Quinte	Picton	June 5, 1874
144	Ridgetown	Ridgetown	June 11, 1874
145	Riverside†	Iroquois	June 30, 1874
146	Vivian	Arnprior	June 22, 1874
147	Model	Wyoming	July 27, 1874
148	Aurora	Aurora	Sept. 17, 1874
149	Western Star	Brussels	Sept 29, 1874
150	Bertie	Ridgeway	Nov. 9, 1874
151	Sycamore	Arkona	Nov. 24, 1874
152	Hayden	Norwich	Nov. 26, 1874
153	Wildey	Granton	Nov. 26, 1874

No. 39 seems to have been entirely omitted in numbering.
* Ceased working in 1877.
† Ceased working in 1879.

GRAND MASTERS OF G. L. OF CANADA.

Name.	Residence.	Date of Installation.
*Wm. M. B. Hartley	Montreal	November 16, 1844.
William Rodden	"	August 6, 1845.
*R. H. Hamilton	"	August 5, 1846.

GRAND SIRES OF G. L. OF B. N. A.

*R. H. Hamilton	Montreal	January 1, 1847.
E. L. Montizambert	Quebec	August 17, 1847.
C. Dunkin	Montreal	August 21, 1849.
*H. H. Whitney	"	September, 1850.
Wm. Hilton	"	September 1, 1851.

GRAND MASTERS OF PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGES.

Name.	Province.	Residence.	Date.
Samuel Wright	Province of Quebec		1847
Abraham Joseph	" "		1848
*Peter Sheppard	" "		1849
Weston Hunt	" "		1850
*J. McLaren	" "		1851
John Dyde	Province of Montreal		1847
H. E. Montgomerie	" "		1848
A. H. David	" "		1849
J. C. Becket	" "		1850
*R. Kneeshaw	Province of Toronto		1849
Thos. Worthington	" Kingston		1850

*Deceased. No Grand Lodge in Canada from 1853 to 1855.

GRAND MASTERS GRAND LODGE OF CANADA WEST & ONTARIO.

Name.	Province.	Residence.	Date.
*Thos. Reynolds	Province of Canada West.	Brockville	'55 to '58
*Chauncey Yale	" "	St. Catharines	1859
S. G. Dolson	" "	St. Catharines	1860
*Wm. Bissell	" "	London	1861
H. C. Bingham	" "	Brantford	1862
James Woodyatt	" "	Brantford	1863
James Smith	" "	ondon	1864
James D. Tait	" "	St. Catharines	1865
Richard Wigmore	" "	London	1866
Henry McAfee	" "	Windsor	1867
John Barr	" Ontario	Hamilton	1868
Thomas Partridge	" "	London	1869
Wm. N. Ford	" "	t. Marys	1870
John Gibson	" "	Stratford	1871
John Murray	" "	Clifton	1872
George Wright	" "	Toronto	1873
Wm. Fitzsimmons	" "	Brockville	1874
*H. E. Buttery	" "	London	1875

*Deceased.

Past Grand Masters.

a. THOMAS REYNOLDS	Brockville,	1855 to 1859
b. CHAUNCEY YALE	St. Catharines,	1859
S. G. DOLSON	"	1860
c, WILLIAM BISSELL	London,	1861
H. C. BINGHAM	Brantford,	1862
JAMES WOODYATT	"	1863
JAMES SMITH	London,	1864
JAMES D. TAIT	St. Catharines,	1865
RICHARD WIGMORE,	London,	1866
HENRY McAFEE	Windsor,	1867
JOHN BARR	Hamilton,	1868
THOMAS PARTRIDGE	London,	1869
WILLIAM N. FORD	St. Marys,	1870
JOHN GIBSON	Stratford,	1871
JOHN MURRAY	Clifton,	1872
GEORGE WRIGHT	Toronto,	1873
WM. FITZSIMMONS	Brockville,	1874
d. H. E. BUTTREY	London,	1875

a. Died at Brockville, Sept. 14th, 1859. See page 94, History.
b. Died at St. Catharines, April 15th, 1866.
c. Died at London, November 4th, 1878.
d. Died at London, November 26th, 1876.

OFFICERS OF THE GRAND LODGE UNDER ITS SEVERAL JURISDICTIONS.

OFFICERS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

Year.	Grand Master.	Dep. Grand Master	Grand Warden.	Grand Secretary.
1844	W. M. B. Hartley..	Geo. Matthews ..	Thos. Hardie	W. A. Seldon.....
1845	Wm. Rodden	Thos. Hardie	W. A. Seldon	R. H Hamilton..
1846	R. H. Hamilton ..	E.L.Montizambert	M. H. Seymour ..	J. Cusling .. ....

OFFICERS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH NORTH AMERICA.

Year.	Grand Sire.	Dep. Grand Sire.	Grand Warden.	Grand Secretary.
1847	R. H. Hamilton..	E.L.Montizambert	.....	J. Cusling .....
1848	E.L.Montizambert	C. Dunkin.....	.....	A. Wilson .....
1849	C. Dunkin.....	H. H. Whitney ...	J. A. Sewell.....	Wm. Hilton ....
1850	H. H. Whitney ..	John Dyde	J. A. Sewell.....	Wm. Hilton .....
1851	Wm. Hilton	Robt. McDougall. .	J. McLaren	Wm. Ewan.....

OFFICERS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF CANADA WEST OR ONTARIO.*

Year.	Grand Master.	Dep. Grand Master	Grand Warden.	Grand Secretary.
1855	Thos. Reynolds...	C. Yale	J. Cameron.....	A. Dixon.....
1856	Thos. Reynolds. ..	B. F. VanBrocklin	J. D. Winchester..	J. Cameron.....
1857	Thos. Reynolds...	G. W. Morgan....	John Morrison....	J. Cameron.. ...
1858	C. Yale	A. McDonald ...	J. Westland	S. G. Dolson.....
1859	C. Yale	A J. Allsworth....	W. Bissell	S. G. Dolson.....
1860	S. G. Dolson.....	John King.....	J. R. Peel	W. H. Read ....
1861	W. Bissell.....	J R. Peel.....	John Collins.....	H. C. Bingham..
1862	H C. Bingham ...	H. Sewell	J. Harrison	J. Woodyatt .....
1863	J. Woodyatt.... .	T. Brown	R. Kirkpatrick....	James Smith .....
1864	James Smith	T. Brown	John Barr.....	R. Wigmore.....
1865	J. D. Tait	H. McAfee	Ed. Beltz	J. B. King.....
1866	R. Wigmore.....	H. McAfee.....	John Taylor.....	J. B. King.....
1867	H. McAfee.....	J. Barr.....	Ed. Beltz	J. B. King.....
1868	John Barr.....	T. Partridge.....	R. Kirkpatrick....	J. B. King... .....
1869	T. Partridge.....	T. Healey	J. Wright	J. B. King.....
1870	W. N. Ford'.... ...	John Gibson	J. J. Ramsay.....	J. B. King.....
1871	John Gibson	John Murray....	John Hunter.....	J. B. King.....
1872	John Murray.... .	George Wright....	R Warriner.....	J. B. King.....
1873	George Wright....	R. Warriner	H. E. Buttrey....	J. B. King.....
1874	W. Fitzsimmons..	H. E. Buttery	J. T. Hornibrook .	J. B. King.....
1875	H. E. Buttrey.....	J. T. Hornibrook...	R. Evans	J. B. King..... ...

OFFICERS OF THE GRAND LODGE UNDER ITS SEVERAL JURISDICTIONS.

OFFICERS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

Year.	Grand Accountant.	Grand Treasurer.	Grand Rep.	Grand Marshall.
1844	.....	A. C. Sewell.....	.....	Wm. Rodden....
1845	.....	J. M. Gilbert	W. M. B. Hartley..	.....
1846	.....	C. C. S. DeBleury.	H. H. Whitney ..	John Dyde .....

OFFICERS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH NORTH AMERICA

Year.	Grand Accountant.	Grand Treasurer.	Grand Rep.	Grand Marshall.
1847	.....	C. S. DeBleury ..	G. B. Campbell ..	John Dyde .....
1848	.....	J. Dyde	.....	H. H. Whitney ..
1849	Wm. Ewan	John Murray	H. E. Montgomerie	Robt. McDougall.
1850	Wm. Ewan	John Murray	.....	Robt. McDougall.
1851	Wm. Ewan	J. Fletcher	.....	J. C. Beckett .....

OFFICERS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF CANADA WEST OR ONTARIO.*

Year.	Grand Treasurer.	Grand Rep.	Grand Rep.	Grand Chaplain.
1855	G. T. Claris	Thos. Reynolds ..	.....	.....
1856	W. Fitzsimmons..	Thos. Reynolds ..	.....	.....
1857	W. Fitzsimmons...	C. Yale	.....	St. Geo. Caulfield
1858	W. Fitzsimmons..	C. Yale	.....	.....
1859	W. Fitzsimmons..	T. Partridge.....	.....	.....
1860	W. Fitzsimmons..	T Partridge.....	.....	.....
1861	Thos. Brown	S. G. Dolson.....	.....	.....
1862	J. Woodyatt.....	S. G. Dolson.....	.....	.....
1863	J. Smith	H. C. Bingham ..	.....	.....
1864	R. Wigmore.....	H. C Bingham ..	.....	.....
1865	R. Wigmore.....	James Smith	.....	.....
1866	J. B. King.....	James Smith	.....	.....
1867	J. B. King.....	J. Woodyatt.....	.....	.....
1868	J. B. King.....	H McAfee	J. Woodyatt.....	.....
1869	J. B King.....	J. Woodyatt.....	H. McAfee	J. W Ferguson..
1870	A. D. Clement....	T. Partridge.....	J. Woodyatt.....	C. F. Hanson....
1871	A D. Clement....	J. Woodyatt.....	T. Partridge.....	C. S. Male .....
1872	A. D. Clement	J. Gibson	J. Woodyatt.....	J. Hurst .....
1873	A. D. Clement....	J. Woodyatt.....	J. Gibson	W. Fitzsimmons
1874	George Irwin	John Barr	J. Woodyatt.....	W. Bissell .....
1875	George Irwin	Geo. Wright.....	J. Barr	W. Hughan ....

OFFICERS OF THE GRAND LODGE UNDER ITS SEVERAL JURISDICTIONS.

OFFICERS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

Year.	Grand Chaplain.	Grand Conductor.	Grand Guardian.	Grand Herald.
1844	.....	.....	J. H. Taafe	.....
1845	J. Holland	.....	.....	.....
1846	J. Holland.....	.....	Robt Cooke	.....

OFFICERS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH NORTH AMERICA

Year.	Grand Chaplain.	Grand Conductor.	Grand Guardian.	Grand Herald.
1847	John Holland	Wm. Hilton.....	R. Cooke	.....
1848	R. J. C. Taylor..	.....	S. Wright	.....
1849	R. J. C. Taylor....	A. H. David.....	J. C. Becket.....	.....
1850	R. J. C. Taylor....	A. H. David.....	J. C. Becket.....	.....
1851	.....	S. Hedge	James Moore	.....

OFFICERS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF CANADA WEST OR ONTARIO.*

Year.	Grand Marshall.	Grand Conductor.	Grand Guardian.	Grand Herald.
1855	Geo Sherwood ...	C. E. Ewing.....	W. Fitzsimmons..	.....
1856	A Matthews	H Mears	H. Bell	.....
1857	.....	H Bell	W Bissell.....	.....
1858	T. Fletcher	W. Bissell.....	James Henry	.....
1859	R. Wigmore.....	A. C. Dana	D. Drake	.....
1860	W. A. Glover ..	John Barr.....	W. H. Nelson	.....
1861	W. Skinner	R. Box	A. Walthew	.....
1862	James Smith	A. Humphrey ..	J. Taylor	.....
1863	R. Wigmore.....	H. Black	E. W. Dixon	.....
1864	J Weatherly	A. Bristol	T. James	.....
1865	J. Taylor, Jr....	George Powell....	J. B. King.....	.....
1866	W. Mowat.....	A McPhail	A. Purves	.....
1867	J. McIntyre	W. Mowatt	W. A. Glover	.....
1868	George Wales	R Barbour	John Noble	.....
1869	G. H. Marlatt	M Blume	J. B. McIntyre....	.....
1870	T. Reid	W. D. Kennedy ..	A. McPhail	M. Blume .....
1871	J. F. McDonald ..	J. Schneider.....	G. W Pontine....	.....
1872	H. Wilson.....	G. Midgley	J. F Morey	.....
1873	J. S. McMahon ..	H. McColl.....	W. D. Gordon	.....
1874	George Wales	F. W. Johnston ..	Joseph Craig	.....
1875	J. T. White	W. W. Griffey.....	D. M. Telford ..	.....

*Changed to Ontario in 1868.

TABLE OF TOTALS FROM THE SEMI-ANNUAL RETURNS 1855 TO 1874.

Year.	Initiated.	Admitted by Card.	Reinstated.	Deceased.	Withdrawn by Card.	Suspended.	Ceased Membership, N.P.D.	Expelled.	Membership.	Number of Degrees Conferred.	Rejected.
1856	171	11	.....	2	21	38	.....	20	605	521	18
1857	200	12	7	2	22	59	.....	39	738	549	23
1858	167	7	16	4	17	50	.....	67	738	320	14
1859	106	3	4	6	23	56	.....	108	556	325	13
1860	96	14	6	6	19	72	.....	48	534	298	4
1861	105	2	13	4	14	79	.....	43	544	297	10
1862	92	7	3	4	27	63	.....	29	500	235	5
1863	82	5	9	6	15	64	57	3	573	210	1
1864	142	10	5	5	12	62	16	.....	5.2	414	2
1865	1 5	7	5	6	16	65	75	2	539	343	18
1866	211	11	8	11	26	36	31	3	647	642	22
1867	287	24	12	1	30	19	30	2	907	750	35
1868	399	29	7	7	34	35	17	.....	1103	987	34
1869	484	40	14	7	67	51	113	7	1413	1382	56
1870	768	91	13	17	106	44	.....	3	2302	2139	.....
1871	1259	141	21	21	184	71	106	7	3442	3376	136
1872	1864	206	18	25	294	156	178	7	5079	6025	267
1873	2108	223	20	46	355	173	.....	16	6745	6579	291
1874	1183	134	26	29	274	222	128	15	8488	4289	209

TABLE OF TOTALS FROM THE SEMI-ANNUAL RETURNS 1855 TO 1874,

Year.	No. of Weeks' Sickness.	No. of Brothers Relieved.	Number of Widowed Families Relieved.	Per Capita Tax.	Receipts.	Paid for Belief of Brothers.	Paid for the Relief of Widowed Families.	Paid for Charity.	Paid for Burying the Dead.
1856	.....	* *	.....	.....	.....	252 00	.....	.....	45 00
1857	.....	.....	* *	* *	.....	721 00	.....	.....	72 00
1858	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	413 24	.....	.....	54 50
1859	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	533 50	.....	.....	63 00
1860	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	668 00	480 00	.....	190 00
1861	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	477 68	585 00	.....	180 00
1862	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	211 50	501 50	.....	90 00
1863	.....	27	9	.....	3174 69	399 48	344 00	.....	115 00
1864	.....	40	8	.....	4104 24	441 00	398 50	.....	197 70
1865	.....	31	7	.....	4165 41	346 98	415 50	.....	65 00
1866	.....	82	8	.....	6013 84	669 00	385 00	.....	185 00
1867	.....	79	16	795 29	7635 13	823 00	401 00	.....	78 00
1868	.....	104	15	890 61	9948 27	1385 06	558 00	.....	252 18
1869	.....	111	15	1183 77	13280 59	1637 90	693 40	.....	216 90
1870	.....	187	35	1666 90	18611 56	2040 54	815 50	.....	434 22
1871	.....	212	42	2100 51	28865 97	2707 01	1066 87	.....	942 76
1872	.....	309	39	3183 91	42874 33	3979 56	1245 33	†	772 56
1873	.....	394	71	3115 42	58615 37	6293 64	1512 84	.....	1531 50
1874	1661*	415	61	2139 00	43928 84	4541 01	1211 78	1211 78	588 43

* This is the first year that the number of weeks' sickness was asked for.

† Previous to this year any moneys paid for charity were included in relief column.

* * In the early years these items were very imperfectly given, if given at all.

TABLE OF TOTALS FROM THE SEMI-ANNUAL RETURNS 1855 TO 1874.

Year.	Current Expenses.	Total Expenditure.	General Fund.	W. & O. Fund.	Total Funds.
1856	....	.....	4893 20	4135 40	9030 60
1857	....	.....	6369 20	5322 60	11691 80
1858	....	.....	3557 28	5641 54	11198 82
1859	....	....	*	6130 00	6130 00
1860	.....	.....	*	6435 00	6435 00
1861	....	.. ..	*	6704 86	6704 86
1862	....	.....	*	7371 59	7371 59
1863	.....	....	5152 54	7209 11	12361 65
1864	.....	....	6638 21	7502 82	14141 03
1865	....	....	5360 42	7859 85	13220 27
1866	.....	....	7613 38	8356 75	15970 13
1867	....	.....	9774 83	10510 46	20285 29
1868	.....	.....	9598 36	14047 09	23645 45
1869	....	....	17473 39	1 332 27	28806 66
1870	...	....	21635 23	15561 46	37196 69
1871	...	....	31538 67	23231 07	54769 74
1872	....	....	46399 67	21318 77	67718 44
1873	....	.....	68296 30	26971 01	95267 31
1874	22757 07	31208 32	87315 99	35210 47	123756 86

* No general fund given in these years reports.

ODD FELLOWS HALL, STRATFORD.

Avon Lodge, No. 41, I. O. O. F., Stratford, was instituted by G. M., S. G. Dolson, on the 11th day of January, 1861. The building as shown in cut was erected in 1872, the corner-stone of which was laid on Monday, the 17th day of June, 1872, with the usual ceremonies. The hall was dedicated on the 8th day of July, 1873, and on the 6th day of August the session of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario was held therein. The building is built of brick with iron front, size 35x80. Cost of land and building $21,000. First flat occupied by Bank of Montreal and store, second flat contains 4 offices, third flat, the Lodge Room, three ante-rooms, and the Encampment-room, and fourth flat library and reading room.

ODD FELLOWS' HALL, WHITBY.

Eastern Star Lodge No. 72, was Instituted by W. N. Ford, M. W. Grand Master, 11th May 1871. Property purchased and building erected 1874-75 cost of land and building $14,000. The Lodge Room was dedicated on the 24th May 1875, by Wm. Fitzsimmons, M.W. Grand Master assisted by the other Executive Officers of the Grand Lodge, supported on the right by M. J. Durham of Kentucky, U. S., M. W. Grand Sire, on the left by J. W. Stebbins, P.G.M. of N. Y., P. G. Master, H. McAfee, Grand Marshal, P.G Master John Murray of Clifton, Grand Herald; P.G. Master John Gibson of Stratford, Grand Herald; Past Grand Master James Woodyatt of Brantford, Grand Herald; P. G. Patriarch, A. Purvis of St. Catharines, Grand Herald; the Rev. J. D. Cayley of St. George's, Toronto, Grand Chaplain. The dedication Oration was delivered by P. G. Master, J. W. Stebbins of N. Y., U. S. A special Session of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, was held in the Lodge Room same day to present an address of welcome to M. J. Durham, of Kentucky, U. S., Most Worthy Grand Sire. In the afternoon a monster procession was formed, and an open air meeting held in the public square. The Hon. Schuyler Colfax, of Indiana, U. S., ex-Vice President of the United States, and Past Deputy Grand Sire, delivered the public Oration, followed by addresses from Hon. M. J. Durham, M. W. Grand Sire; Hon. M. C. Cameron, M. P., Toronto; Dr. Lyon, P.G. Master, Rochester, N. Y.. This demonstration of the Order of Odd-Fellows, was the most important ever held in the province; and Eastern Star Lodge in its happy conception, and successful carrying out, has largely contributed to the progress and stability of Odd-Fellowship in Ontario.

ODD FELLOWS' HALL, WELLAND.

The beautiful Hall of Orient Lodge, No. 134, Welland, was erected in 1877 at a cost of $15,000 for land and building. The corner stone was laid on Tuesday August the 14th, 1877 with imposing ceremonies, and a suitable oration delivered by Bro. J. Ham Perry, M. W. Grand Master, and on Wednesday 24th of December 1877, Bro. Cl. T. Campbell, M. W. Grand Master, dedicated the Hall to the purposes of the Order with impressive ceremonies and delivered an eloquent oration. This beautiful building is situated on Main Street. The first story contains two large stores. The second a capacious Music Hall, having a seating capacity of six hundred, while the third story is divided into two handsome lodge rooms. The Public Music Hall is fitted with every modern improvement in seats ventilation, fire escapes, &c., and the ceiling and walls are beautifully frescoed. It is illuminated with over fifty lights, not including the foot and head lights on the stage, which latter is large, and provided with good scenery, dressing rooms, &c. First-class piano in connection.

ODD FELLOWS HALL, LONDON,

The Odd Fellows Temple in London, as shown in the cut, is the largest structure owned by the Order in Ontario. It is situated on the corner of Dundas and Clarence Streets, having a frontage of 55 feet on Dundas and 100 on Clarence. The tower on the front is about 80 feet in height from the sidewalk. The structure is four stories in height, and is built of iron and brick. On the lower flat are two large stores, the second consists of offices, while the remainder of the building is devoted to the purposes of the Order. The main hall is 67 feet by 52 feet, with a ceiling 25 feet 6 inches high. On the same floor there is a large library room, and 4 ante-rooms. Above the ante-rooms is the Encampment Room. The entire cost of land and buildings was over $50,000.

The hall was dedicated on the 2nd August, 1875, by Grand Master W. Fitz-

simmons, assisted by J. W. Stokes, Deputy Grand Sire of the G. L. U. S., J. W. Ingersoll, Grand Master of Michigan; and all the officers and members of the Grand Lodge of Ontario. The building is controlled by a Board of Directors elected by Eureka, Forest City and Dominion Lodges. The first Board consisted of J. J. Dyas, President; Robt. Kirkpatrick, Vice-President; H. E. Buttery, Sec.-Treas., and James Bell, J. R. Flock, H. L. Abbott, E. R. Robinson, W. F. Howell and Wm. Joanes.

ODD FELLOWS' TEMPLE, ST. MARYS.

This magnificent building was erected in the summer of 1879, on Water Street, in the town of St. Marys, Co. Perth; is built of St. Mary's Blue Stone, trimmed with white stone from Guelph Quarries, rock faced work. The building is 90 feet by 60—front elevation, 70 feet. On the first flat are three *Stores* and two offices, fitted in modern style. Cellars under the whole building. The second flat is fitted up as an opera house, with gallery around the *whole circumference*, intended to seat 1,200 persons. Windows are of stained glass. The upper flat contains spacious Lodge Rooms. The style of architecture is unique, partaking of Gothic, Elizabethan and Greek, giving the building an *attractive appearance*. Lighted with gas. It is built and owned by St. Marys Lodge, No. 36, at a cost, complete, of $19,000. The Temple will be dedicated soon. The Building Committee are, W. N. Ford, P.G.M.; Past Grands John McLean, S. S. Myers, W. C. Moscrip, R. B. Harstone, D. Dewar, W. Box and J. J. Crabbe. Architect, L. H. Weeks, London.

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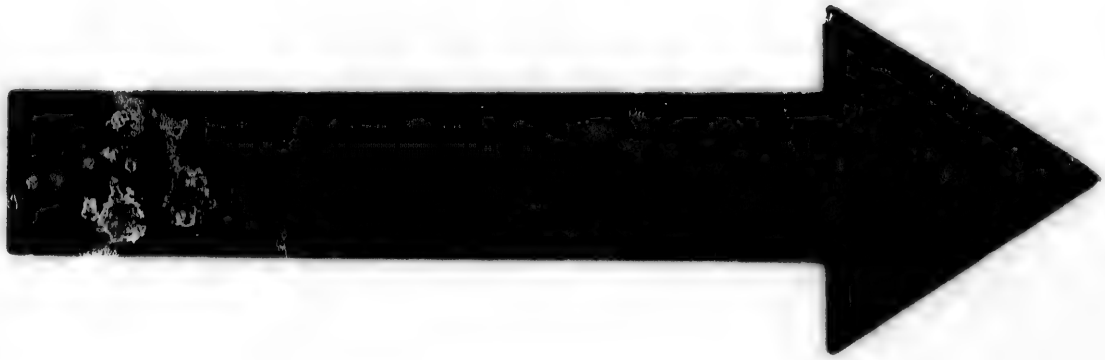

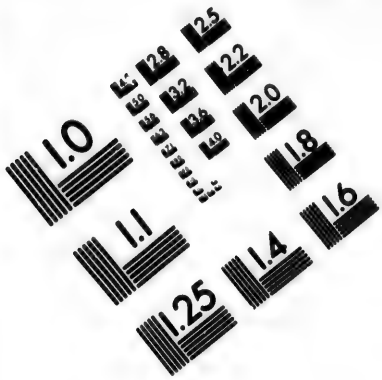

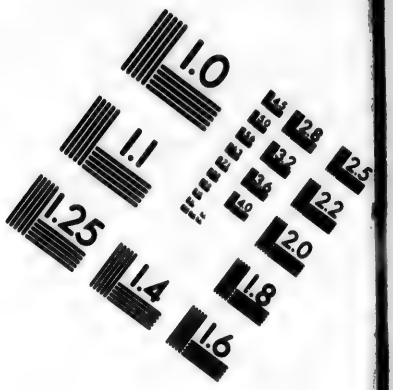

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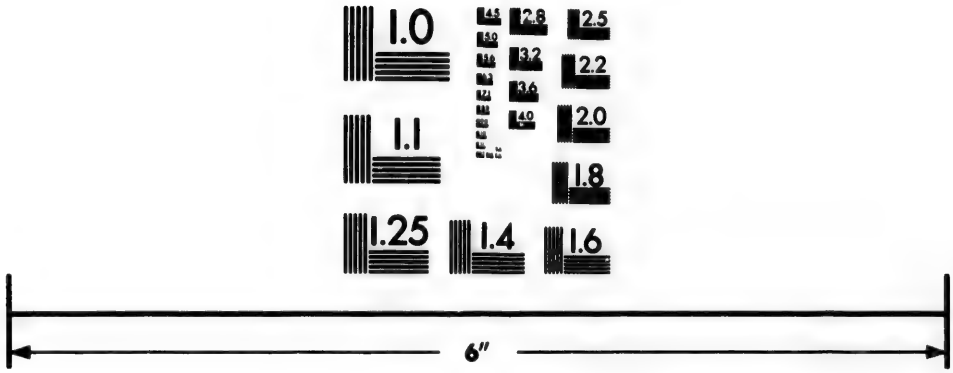

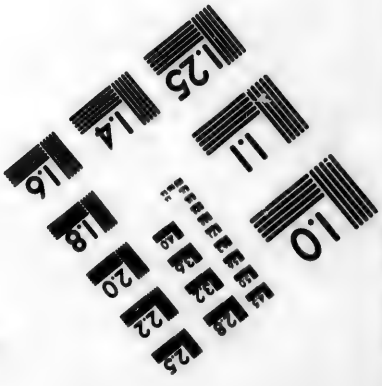

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